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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski,

My name is ERIC SEABROOKS, #169716. I am writing you in concern to the high cost of the prison PHONE CALLS. This is a public comment for the wright petition (cc Docket #96-128) The most convenient and cheapest way for inmates to stay in contact with their FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES IS THROUGH PHONE CALLS. Last year phone rates were \$1.50 per call, and this year the phone rates has jumped to nearly double! This issue is a problem and concern since the state DOES'NT PAY INMATES ENOUGH MONEY TO PURCHASE FOOD, HYGIENE, SHOSES, CLOTHES, ETC. For instance, the average monthly salary for a porter, JANITORIAL WORK, CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN UP JOBS ROUGHLY ONLY PAY \$25.00, WHERE AS THE PRICE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL IS AROUND \$3.00. THIS IS 12% OF THE MONEY THAT WE EARN ON A MONTHLY BASIS. It is very CRUCIAL that we are able to CALL OUR CHILDREN WIVES, AND FAMILIES AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. This will lessen the worry and stress that we go through during our INCARCERATION PERIOD. Even most correctional officers agree with us on this point because it makes their job easier. I would be grateful if you could make the phone call rates cheaper. this would also help with the morale of prisoner's. Thank you very kindly in advance, for your time and anticipated cooperation in this matter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

SINCERELY,

ERIC SEABROOKS.