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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed order surrounding Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services (WC Docket No. 12-375) that you issued on September 26, 2013.

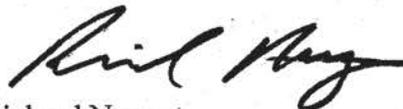
It is clear we agree that it is important for incarcerated individuals to be able to keep in contact with their families. However, as a former sheriff, I have deep concerns about how this proposed order will affect inmates who wish to call their families as well as the financial burden they will place on the prisons and jails.

Based on my conversations with the local offices of the sheriff in my district and my personal experience working in law enforcement, I fully believe that the financial burden that this rule will impose is unsustainable. Ultimately, the order does not take into account the cost that jails will incur by providing inmate calling services at the rates mandated by the order. This could unfortunately cause jails to reduce or eliminate inmate phone call privileges altogether.

The economic difficulties our country has faced have impacted local law enforcement agencies greatly. With law enforcement budgets being extremely tight, any additional costs that are placed on them have the potential to adversely affect public safety, the wellbeing of inmates, and the safety of correctional officers.

Because the rule will be extremely detrimental to inmates who wish to call home to their loved ones, I urge you to reconsider this proposed order. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Nugent
Member of Congress

cc: Sara Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs