

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc docket # 96-128)

TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments  
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Washington, DC 20554

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From: George Mercy ED6036  
S.C.I. Albion  
10745, Route 18  
Albion, Pa. 16475-0002

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I am writing this letter as a note of testimony about the unfair phone bill prices.

I was fortunate to be one of those inmates who was sent to Michigan in 2010.

From the time we arrived to our departure our phone calls were 1.80 for 15 mins. (collect or direct) in state or out of state.

Through Embark which is company under the umbrella of Sprint. The phone in place at M.C.I. Muskegon is also in place throughout the state.

The inmates in Michigan petitioned to get the high cost phone system out of their state similar to what is being done here.

I like the rest of my fellow inmates commend you on the actions you have taken on our behalf.

Thank You  
Sincerely,  
George Mercy

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

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I'm a federal prisoner being held in the state  
of Michigan (MDOC). I'm from California and all  
my family is back there. I have been in prison  
for 14 1/2 years with 6 1/2 to go. I spent several  
years without a phone or contact visits and  
now that I have phone time the cost is  
almost \$4.00 a 15 min call. The new pay  
phone contract is at 23¢ a min plus taxes.  
My parents are retired, my gal sells Avon  
and my son is without work. The cost to  
call home is very hard on us. It's hard to  
make ends meet in this economy and  
these high phone rates are killing us. Please  
help us to connect with our families.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Ty Fowles

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To: Chairman Julius Geachowski  
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From: James Searight no. 621637  
Thumb Correctional Facility  
3225 John Conley Drive  
Lapeer, Michigan 48446

Date: July 17, 2012

Re: THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION  
CC Docket no. 96-128

Dear Chairman Genachowski;

I am the above named person, at the above named facility. I would first like to thank you and your office for allowing me a voice in this matter. The high cost of prison phone calls has had, and continues to have a very deep effect on me and my family. I am first of all not from this state so the telephone and mail is the only means in which my family and myself can communicate. With the cost of living and the already strenuous burden on my family to make sure that I have the bear necessities that I need, the cost of the phone calls make it close to impossible for us to keep a close line of communication. It takes 4 to 5 days to get mail, and that does not take the place of the intimacy of hearing the voice of your loved ones. They say that part of our rehabilitation is keeping close ties with your family in order to go back out in the free society as a productive member, then how can we be expected to do this, when a 15 minute phone call is between 2 and 4 dollars.

Staying in close touch with ones family can help in many positive ways. I myself need to do so by phone, since it is my only means. I have a twenty five year old daughter who is in nursing school right now and only working part time. She needs to hear words of encouragement from me, but we are limited, simply because we cannot afford it. So I again thank you and your office for allowing me a chance to speak out on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mr. William. T Reed  
HJ-0543  
10745 Route 18  
Albion, PA 16475-0002

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Re: This is a Public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing to you about the contracts for the prison telephone system. The prices are very high and unfair. It is very hard for me to talk to my family and loved ones. The phone calls I want to make to N.J, FL, and CA cost too much. \$8.75 for 15 minutes is not what the public pays for long distance, but inmates' family and loved ones do. I have not spoken to any of my family members in a very long time.

The last time I spoke to any of my family was when Albion, Pa prison sent me to a Michigan prison because of overcrowding. The phone calls in Michigan were happily very cheap. I could call for .12 cents a minute. The total was \$1.80. PA has a surcharge of \$2.33 and .43 cents a minute. It also gets kickbacks from the telecom provider rumored to be 3 million dollars minimum. Now that I am back in PA, I can't afford to call anymore and hear my children's voices. That is the best contact I could have besides a visit. Letters fall short.

In addition, the chip away at our minutes with interruptions during the call telling us it is recorded. They made that statement at the beginning. There is no need to keep telling us during the call and robbing minutes off of the 15 that is allotted. They make it clear that they won't reimburse us for these lost minutes.

Please do what is right and get our prices down to .10 cent a minute or so. Then I could maintain a strong relationship with my family. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Sincerely,

William T. Reed

"DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI"

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THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIT PETITION (CC DOCKET # 06-128)? I'M WRITING YOU TO LET YOU KNOW HOW THESE HIGH COST FOR PRISON PHONE CALLS ARE AFFECTING ME AND MY FAMILY? FIRST AND FURMOST I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M AT THE FURHEST PRISON IN PA, SCI'AUPEON SO MY VISITS ARE FEW TO NONE? ALL I REALLY HAVE IS PHONE CALL TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MY LOVE ONES AND DUE TO THE COST OF THEM I DON'T REALLY GET TO TALK TO THEM BUT 3 TO 4 TIMES A MONTH? I MIGHT TALK TO MY MOTHER ONCE A MONTH AND THAT DUE TO MY HAVING TO SPREAD MY PHONE CALL OUT AMONG MY SON, GRANDMOM, SISTER, AND GIRLFRIEND? SO TALK TO THEM ~~ONCE~~ <sup>EACH</sup> ONES A MONTH IS CRAZY DUE TO ME HAVING TO PAY THESE HIGH PRICE FOR THE PHONE AND ALSO PAYING FOR FOOD, CABLE, AND OTH NECESSITY IS KILLING MY FAMILY? WHEN THEY OHP ME TO MICHIGAN I WAS ~~ONE~~ <sup>TWO</sup> STATES AWAY FROM PA. AND THE PHONE COST ~~WAS~~ WHERE CHEAP THEN THE ARE HERE IN PA. BY \$3.20 WE WERE PAYING A \$1.80 TO CALL OUR LOVED ONE AND WE WERE OUT OF STATE? DUE TO THESE HARSHIPS IS A MAIN REASON WHY I STAY IN THE RHC (SUBEDARITY CONFINEMENT) DUE TO ME ACTING OUT BECAUSE I FEEL I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE OR LOOK FORWARD TO? WE NEED TO GET THESE ISSUE  
THEY CARE OF THANK YOU??

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Dear Chairman Gewachowski, Sir I  
am writing you this brief letter  
concerning the high cost \$5.15  
that I must spend in order to  
call family & friends, which is  
far in-between due to the  
high cost of a 15min phone  
call, that can even sometimes  
cost even more for disconnec-  
tions thru no fault of our  
own.

Sir, I only get to  
communicate with family  
every now & then, due to cost.  
Because, I nor family can  
carry the burden of talking  
over the phone. And, it hinders  
me and my family from a  
lack of communication &  
it is taking away from  
trying to maintain our real  
family value, while also being  
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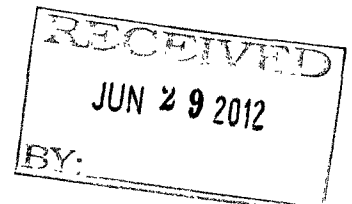
# Telephone System Discrepancy Form

Inmate Name: <u>DARNELL JONES</u>	Inmate Number: <u>H5-2670</u>
Inmate Housing Unit/Cell Number: <u>c/o 33 Cell.</u>	
All information must be completely filled in. Please be specific.	
Telephone Number Called: <u>(267) 401-8578</u>	Inmate Telephone Used: <u># 2.</u>
Time and Date of Call: <u>10:25 A.M. 6/26/12.</u>	
State exact nature of problem and/or concern: (Please print)	
<p><i>While on the telephone talking to my family, we was given a 3-way call about 10:25 AM. I was told that our call about whether if there was a least accident. A 3-way call was a result to was trying to speak a person that had a call report. I had lost call. I was told you please lock into this machine with the number received that get 10:25 AM. I was told you are not a family.</i></p>	
Please be advised that the following are some reasons that your call may be disconnected:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Other party accepts a call waiting tone;</li> <li>b. Other party trying to make a three-way call;</li> <li>c. Playing with the buttons, switch hook or receiver during your call;</li> <li>d. Answering machines;</li> <li>e. All 800, 888, and 900 numbers; and</li> <li>f. Any number that does not allow collect calls.</li> </ul>	

*Mr Jones*  
*This # is to a cell phone. The loss of signal will disconnect your call & this is the reading you will get. Do not pay for no refunds for cell phone calls.*

*Thank you*  
*[Signature]*  
 Date: 6/27/12.

Signature: Darnell Jones





Ramon Jackson



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Re: This is a Public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am a prisoner in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. My family and I are adversely affected by the virtual price gouging that takes place on the prison's phone system. My family is mostly from New Jersey. I have to pay \$8.75 for 15 minutes of phone time. This is derived from a \$2.33 Surcharge and .43 cents a minute fee. If I call collect then my family has to have a prepaid account set up and they pay the same high rate. These prices are abjectly unfair and not commensurate with the general public's rates for long distance calls.

Michigan's prison system pays .12 cents a minute. The same call in Michigan would result in a cost of \$1.80. This is not market forces at work; this is price gouging coupled with kickbacks in the contracts for the prison system. The unfair prices are placed on the backs of free citizens such as my family. I certainly do not make enough money to pay these costs. My family sends me money or pays the collect fee. It is patently unfair. Moreover, it fosters separation from support systems, which is the most thing offenders need especially if they are going to be released.

Please work to cut and cap fees in the prison industry contracts. It is not just about money but a more healthy society. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ramon Jackson, GG-2952, PA D.O.C.



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Dear Chairman Comanchewski

my name is Thomas, and I am currently incarcerated at Lorain Corr in Grafton OH, I have been incarcerated for a number of years and I have a family which support me while not be home to do so for myself my wife visits me and we talk on the phone when we can afford the cost of a phone call, my cost is \$5.00 for 15 min and when I call my mom or children which are all in different states which mean higher cost. my family have spent thousands of dollars in order for us to stay in contact with one another. The service I have to use is Global Tel line and I feel this company is robbing me and my family through high cost. Please help in this matter.

Thank you

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Robert Fitchett # 1035660

B.K.C.C.

P.O. Box 430

Dillwyn, VA. 23936

July 15, 12

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The hardships the phone rates has put on my family is unbelievable. Over the years I've never had money sent to me for birthdays, christmas, etc. for fear of not having enough to pay for a phone call. It has even limited the amount of visits I've received to be able to pay for gas, motel, etc.

I would hope one day our rates will compare with those on the outside so that we can maintain close contact with our loved ones without it being a choice to pay one bill versus another.

Thank you for listening and think of the right thing to do - we all would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Robert Fitchett

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition CC Docket #96-128.

My name is Musa Parrott and I've been incarcerated for 15 years and one month in Virginia and my entire family lives in Baltimore, MD. I can say it's a burden on my family, and myself to communicate by phone. My phone calls cost about \$12.87 a call and that's 20 minutes a call. I have a 17 year old daughter and I don't speak to her but once a month when I can afford to put money in my debit account.

My mother's phone has been blocked by the phone company because they claim they have problems getting paid from my mother's present phone company. So I can't call without paying first.

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I am a prisoner at <sup>FCC Mail Room</sup> Sussex II State Prison in Waverly, Virginia. The prisons phone system is ran by a company called Global Tel Link. The phone call prices are so outrageous it is impossable to keep in touch with my children and needless to say my family and friends. The only correspondence left is by mail and although this does bring some comfort it is still nothing like talking to my children directly over the phone. I have no one to blame for my incarceration other than myself and the very poor choices I have made throughout my life and although I can not have an immediate impact on my childrens lives, I would still love to have some type of influence on them and the choices they make so that hopefully they never end up inside the walls of prison other than to visit their father. The prison I am currently at has very limited movement and houses over 1200 inmates. I have gathered only a few within the "pod" I'm housed in and included them with my letter. ~~But~~ But as you will read this phone gouging situation is felt tremendously by all. Mr. Genachowski I beg you to please look into this matter and you will find that this is a legal form of robbery. Please help us, help our children. Please. Thank you for all of your time and cooperation concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Vicker

Eric Vickers #1132719  
S. II. S. P.  
Waverly, Virginia

Adam Baumann #1184951  
Sussex II State Prison  
24427 Mussellwhite Drive  
Waverly, VA 23891

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" This is a public comment for the Weight Petition (CC Docket # 96-178)

To Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing this letter because of the desperation us inmates are in due to the inmate phone system. The way these companies monopolize the system in collusion with our states has to be illegal and must be stopped.

Its a competition between phone companies over the contracts and the winner is the one offering the biggest kickbacks to the prisons and our loved ones pay the price.

I have personally lost numerous relationships and friendships because of the inability to afford the phone bills (\$1 + \$15 a call) And the \$1 calls are local, but with all the prisons built in rural areas where its a long ways away from our homes, it helps virtually none.

Losing these relationships with our families is detrimental to our rehabilitation. For now because of the price of prison phone calls we may not have a home to go home to upon release.

Sincerely

Adam Baumann 1184951



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Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski F.C.C Public Comments

I'm writing this letter in regards to the high cost that I'm charged to call my family. My calls are \$7.00 for a 20 minute call. Because of these high cost I cannot keep intouch with my family, but every now and then. I have 4 sons ages 8, 10, 11, and 16 that I would love to be able to talk to, so that I can do my best to make sure they don't end up in here with me. I write all the time, but it's not like talking so that you can get feed back. Right now my father is dealing with health problems and I can't call him to see what's going on. Everyday I just hope I don't get bad news that he's passed away and I couldn't talk to him before it happens. I do understand if I didn't do what I did to get in prison. I wouldn't have to worry about this, but I can't change that and hopefully by being to stay intouch with my sons I can make a difference. Thank you for your time and have a nice day.

Sincerely,  
Terry Barton #1014975  
Sussex II State Prison  
24427 Musselwhite DR.  
Waverly, VA 23891

PRAVEEN K. MANDANAPU  
Virginia D.O.C ID # 1195429  
Sussex II State Prison  
24427 Musselwhite Dr.  
Waverly, VA 23891-2222

June 30, 2012

CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

July 6, 2012

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Re: This is a public comment for the WRIGHT PETITION (CC Docket #96-128):

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This letter is to respectfully ask you to take actions against telephone company's who target prisoners and their families. These company's are literally robbing prisoners and their families with their strangle hold on the prison market. My father is serving a life without parole sentence in the state of Michigan. He does not have the funds to place on a telephone debit card with a job that plays him \$8 to \$10 per month. He also has \$400,000.00 in restitution and \$1,000 00 in federal court filing fees. 90% of all monies placed in his prison account are taken from him.

My father played a big part of my little sister graduating from high school. He tutored her on the phone as much as he could. But that was when phone calls were \$1.80 per 15 minute call. They now cost \$3.80 per call since PCS took over the Michigan Prison telephone contract. I wonder how many more children like my little sister rely on phone calls from their mothers and fathers in prison to help them with their school work and to keep them out of trouble. I wonder how many children are now in trouble because they cannot speak to their incarcerated parents, because of the high cost of a phone prisoner phone call.

I thank you very much for your time, hoping that you take a serious look into this matter of rising cost of a prisoner telephone call.

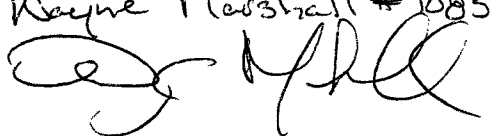
Respectfully yours,

Starr M. Proctor  
2550 Elon  
Dearborn Hgts., Michigan 48127

6-30-2012

To Whom it may concern;

I Wayne Marshall, 1085726, was born in Washington D.C. and all my family live there. I'm locked up in VA. and it cost my family ten dollars a call. I'm unable to talk to a lot of my family because they can't afford the calls. I support any effort, to help lower the phone calls. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wayne Marshall #1085726  


S.I.S.P.  
24427 Musselwhite Drive  
Waverly, VA. 23891



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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am currently incarcerated at Sussex State Prison. In order for me to speak with my mother and my 2 younger sisters in Norfolk, VA - We must go through GTL. This is costing my family \$7.40 for only 20 mins. This has caused me to have very limited communication with my loved ones. There are several family members that I have not spoken to in several years due to the outrageous price/billing of GTL phone calls. My mother had to change her phone company just to be able to accept my phone calls. Not all phone companies will involve themselves with GTL.

S.I.S.P.  
Waverly, VA

Sincerely,  
Naaran Holloway

NAARAN Holloway  
# 1193832

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Washington, D.C. 20534

INRE: Public Comment For Wright Petition - Lec Docket #96-12

Honorable Chairman,

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IN OBTAINING LOWER PRICES FOR INMATES TO  
CALL THEIR LOVED ONES. S.R. AT THE CURRENT  
PRICES I AM UNABLE TO CALL CERTAIN FAMILY  
MEMBERS A CALL CURRENTLY COST ABOUT \$0.50  
FOR ME TO CALL. AND IN TODAY'S ECONOMY IT  
IS A BURDEN FOR MY FAMILY

I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR  
ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

S.I.S.P.  
Waverly, VA.

Daniel Soule # 1180534

To: Julius Genachowski

Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter in regards to the high cost of the phone service.

My calls are over \$16:00 for 20 minutes because my family live out of state (Bal. M.D.) Because of the high cost I am not able to call my love ones. Please take my letter in consideration that I am a man trying to stay in contact with my family.

Thank you;  
Charles Leslie  
#10026394

Sussex 2 State Prison  
24427 Musselwhite DR  
Waverly, Va. 23891

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Dear Mrs. Juliana Ganuchauski (Chairman),

I've been incarcerated for over 10 years and I haven't spoken to my family over the phone for the duration of that whole 10 years. The reason as to why I haven't spoken to my family over the phone for about 10 years is because of the high priced phone call cost that the current prison phone company system that's currently in place. I'm from Portsmouth, VA the Tidewater area and to call home will cost me my whole from 5-7 \$ dollars a phone call for only a 15 minute family phone call. My phone calls to home are too expensive for me and my family.

The VA Department Of Corrections and their phone companies are spending so much time trying to make a profit off of me and my family financially instead of helping me and countless inmates like me by trying to stay in contact with our families. This has to stop!!

These high priced phone costs have to change to a affordable cost for myself and my family to be able to afford. I would like your help to change this

bad situation into a good one for me and my family.

You can help us and inmates like me by changing these high price phone cost so I, my family, and countless inmates across VA and their families can be able to communicate, and stay in contact.

Thankyou for your time and help with this matter.

Sincerely, J. Smith #65899-1D35

James I. State Prison  
#4427 Maxwell White Dr.  
Newark VA. 23091

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JUNE 24, 2012

TO: CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FROM: MR. COURTNEY D. HENSON  
SUBJECT: HIGH COST OF PRISONER CALLS

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

HELLO SIR. MY NAME IS MR. COURTNEY HENSON, AND I AM CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AT THE SUSSEX 2 STATE PRISON IN VIRGINIA. I AM WRITING YOU TO ADDRESS THE EXTREMELY HIGH PHONE RATES ENDORSED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF COLLECTIONS AND ITS PHONE COURIER GLOBAL TEL LINK.

MY FAMILY RESIDES IN THE MARYLAND/D.C. AREA, AND A 20 MINUTE CALL FOR ME IS \$12.95 AT ITS CHEAPEST! THIS MAKES IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP A HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WITH TODAY'S ECONOMY. THE RATES FOR GUYS IN-STATE ARE JUST AS RIDICULOUS! IT'S UNFAIR FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRISONERS AND THEIR/OUR FAMILIES.

I VOICE THIS COMPLAINT UNDER MY 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE MEDIA, INSTITUTIONS, OR PRESS. I AM NOT INSINUATING THAT PRISONER CALLS SHOULD BE CHEAP OR FREE, BUT FAIR PRICING IS ONLY RIGHT! PLEASE LOOK FAIRLY AND OPENLY AT THIS ISSUE WHEN YOU CAN. I REALLY MISS MY FAMILY AND CALLING WOULD HELP!

Sincerely,

Mr. Courtney Henson

S.I.S.P.  
Waverly, VA.