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Commission Secretary, Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375.

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am a criminal defense attorney. I am unable to absorb the high costs of calls from my clients in our county jail. Quite simply put: The telephone costs cause a significant hindrance, and in many cases it completely stops the ability of a defendant to mount a defense. In Cuyahoga County, near Cleveland, Ohio, a prisoner must petition their social worker, begging the social worker to pass short notes to the defense attorney.

Prior to becoming an attorney, I was a police officer who served thirty-two years on a medium to large sized suburban police department. My duties included the jail. The City moved to install a prisoner phone system. I objected very strongly, very loudly and questioned both the ethics and the motivation of the political system willing to entertain this type of behavior. I to this day believe that the fees paid by the supplier to the City would not have been the only money promised in that deal. Our City very wisely chose to avoid this horrible system.

Thank you,



Stephen W. Wolf