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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Wright Alternative Rulemaking Proposal*  
C.C. Docket 96-128;

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I live in Pearl, Mississippi (Rankin County) where I receive collect calls from a dear friend and sister in Christ who is in the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. Currently I pay about \$4.00 per 20 minute call which I realize isn't the expense many family and friends carry but please understand, these are local calls. I'm only 5 minutes from where she is located in the same city so in reality this is a local call.

The costs of these calls create a very real problem since I am her Power of Attorney and we are working diligently on getting her back into Court. She has no family to speak of (her 3 children are in California); I'm the one along with a friend locally helping her and the cost for her to contact me to discuss anything whether it be her case or her children gets extremely high.

The primary reason this rate is so high is because of the commissions paid by prison phone service providers to correctional facilities. I believe these commissions are an unfair tax on families of inmates, including many who cannot afford these outrageous rates.

It is my understanding that a recent cost study submitted by prison phone service companies has determined a "fair rate" that eliminates commissions, covers legitimate costs and provides a reasonable return for prison phone companies while dramatically reducing call rates. Our hope is that the FCC will prohibit the payment of commissions and establish a "fair rate" for all intrastate and inter-state calls, as well as require less expensive prepaid or debit calling in all correctional facilities.

Please make sure fair rates will be made available to all inmate families everywhere. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Rankin County, Pearl, Mississippi

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