Dear Marlene H. Dortch

This letter is to contact Rulemaking Number 12-375.

I am asking you, please help us with the outrageous cost of a collect phone call to family, friends, outside of Alaska.

My family and friends outside Alaska would love to hear my voice by a phone call. But 70 percent of them cannot afford the very high cost! 90 percent of my friends and family live in the state of Missouri. A 30 min collect call from me here in Alaska cost $41.94!! I understand the FCC cannot help with calls made to people here in Alaska, but, people in state does help also!!

My Mom and Dad are 80-84 years old and on a fixed income. Their health will not allow them to travel very far from their home. So a visit to me here in Alaska is out of the question!! Also it is getting harder and harder for my mom to write letters to me!!
I understand that we are in prison for doing wrong and I know we need punished. But our family and friend shouldn’t also be punished by having to pay the unfair cost of a collect phone call!! I also know we lost our rights when we came to prison, but we did not lose our human rights!!

Other states have very low phone rates in their prisons and the state companies are still making money to pay the cost of operations plus a profit! It is “oppressive” to charge $4.24 for one 30 min. collect phone call!!!

Please help!!! Like I said, other states do not rip off their inmates. The kickbacks should be illegal!!!

Thank you

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