

B+B has asked for a contribution to a campaign for better pricing and connectivity pursuant to our inability to stay in contact with our families by using the telephone.

The price-gouging of our phone companies who blatantly do this to us, the kick-backs from those same phone companies to various Depts. of Corrections, and the sheer insanity of phone companies to regularly change phone rules and services to both us the prisoners and to our families is a terrible crime whether or not it's exactly 'legal' or not!

For instance, many companies whose names ~~rhyme~~ rhyme with AT&T, Qwest, Southwestern Bell and Sprint create ludicrously high 'CONNECTION' FEES - my father, for instance pays a minimum of 8<sup>00</sup> to 23<sup>00</sup> PER CALL on top of 'PRIME TIME' COLLECT CALL RATES - (Apparently my father's long-distance provider considers 6 am - 11 pm EVERY DAY to be "PRIME-RATE" time).

This is just insane. MY FATHER IS A VIETNAM VETERAN, My father is ON A FIXED INCOME, My father's savings were wiped out by the market collapse. So, not only am I paying for crime by being incarcerated but IF I want to speak to my father HE IS BEING FORCED BY GREED AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES to pay also.

My father is in ill health. As much as I would like to call and support him often, I can't. I know that he must decide between talking to his son or getting his medications for diabetes.

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Cancer, and kidney failure.

But the government DOES NOT CARE. They allow this practice to continue and turn away from any justice for families of the incarcerated.

Our prison and jail system is OUT OF CONTROL, IT IS CORRUPT, IT IS ILLEGAL and IT IS MORALLY AND ETHICALLY A COMPLETE FAILURE. Attempts to fix it are met with terrible, almost violent resistance by these organizations. Even a simple change, a national law that says price-gouging a captive audience for malicious purposes is illegal could be helpful. It could be a start.

Support the Phone Justice campaign. Make your voice heard! Say 'ENOUGH' to the deliberate price-crime against our families. Lawmakers in California would say that inmates get a fair break through their provider... It is a better deal than it used to be, but it could be even better. Lawmakers in California say inmates smuggle in cell-phones so we can 'order hits' on people. Lies. Lies, Lies. We want cell phones because it's cheap, we can talk to our families anytime and the CDCR doesn't make a dime off our families.

It makes me very sad to think of the thousands of dollars my family has shelled out to stay in touch with me. It shouldn't cost so much! It should be easier! Please help! Everyone is suffering.

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