

Phone Justice

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To whom This Concerns:

I am a prisoner who is presently housed in a supermax. I have been here for $12\frac{1}{2}$ years and incarcerated for more than two decades - total!

Due to the high cost of collect phone calls from prison, I have been unable to phone any of my family for nearly 10 years. The prison in which I am located is in a remote rural area more than 350 miles roundtrip distance from my family, and they are unable to travel that distance as it is too costly; moreover, the visits, if they were to come, would be via closed-circuit video.

The grossly excessive cost of phone calls has played a major role in the deterioration and outright destruction of the bonds of affection between my family and I throughout the years. I have a daughter who is 37 years old, whose voice I have never heard (nor have I've seen her) as a woman. I have many nephews and nieces, now in their 20s, who would not recognize the sound of my voice simply because I, nor my family, have been able to afford the grossly exorbitant prices that prisoners and their families must pay the phone service racketeers for collect calling. There needs to be some type of regulation of these exploitative prices. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laran McKinley Bey