

## PhoneJustice

If Wisconsin can do it, all States can! Wisconsin now has a prison phone system in place that costs family and friends 12 cents per minute if they're In-State and 18 cents per minute if they're Out-Of-State. And no hook-up fee! What a blessing!

Incarcerated parents can now call home more often without putting a financial burden on their families. Instead of their call adding stress, due to the cost, their call is welcomed and can help lead to healing.

Incarceration is a very significant event in a family's life. It's a time when many issues come to the forefront and must be dealt with. It can obviously be a crossroads in the lives of all involved. And while time apart can be part of the healing process, communication is vitally important. And the communication provided by letters is not enough during these times because it is not interactive. Phone calls and/or visits are crucial.

Visits aren't always an option due to the distance from the prison and scheduling conflicts with other activities so phone calls are the only option left. However, if these calls cost \$20 for a 15-minute call not very many calls are going to take place. And that only leads to more problems that could have been avoided by lower costs.

Lower prison phone costs actually benefit society by keeping families together. If Wisconsin can do it, all States can!

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