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STATEMENT FROM FCC ACTING CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON L. CLYBURN ON JULY WORKSHOP ON INMATE CALLING SERVICES RATES

Reforming the inmate calling regime is a Commission priority. All too often the price of a single phone call from an inmate eclipses the cost of basic monthly service, and this weighs heavily on the economically disadvantaged.

We must do everything that we can to ensure a reasonable mechanism for families to stay in touch with loved ones. Some studies indicate that having meaningful contact beyond the prison walls can make a real difference in maintaining community ties, promoting rehabilitation and reducing recidivism.

I look forward to a robust dialogue on options for reform, to learning what our state counterparts have done, as well as to hearing from all stakeholders, including service providers and inmate families.

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