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I write to express my strong support for prohibiting a system that allows corporations to make money off of incarcerated people and their families through excessive charges for phone calls and commissary. This is shameful. Incarcerated people and their loved ones must be able to stay in contact with each other, and it is the responsibility and obligation of the criminal justice system to enable and support, rather than hinder, that contact. Almost everyone who is incarcerated will be released back to their families and communities, and the ability to maintain strong ties to their families and communities is one of the most important things that must happen during incarceration. That private corporations are allowed to charge greater than normal fees for the use of the telephone and for necessities sold through prison commissaries is both cruel and deeply unethical. This sort of profiting from punishment punishes families as well, who cover the excess charges that accrue as profit to private companies. Who thought this was a good idea? Who thought this was a moral approach to incarceration and rehabilitation? End this now, please.