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INCOMPAS Expresses Support for Inmate Calling Technical Corrections Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 30, 2018) – U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Rob Portman (R-OH), Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) recently introduced the Inmate Calling Technical Corrections Act, which is designed to address predatory inmate calling rates at prison facilities across the nation.

Their bill will give the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) full authority to ensure consumers receive competitive rates for both intra- and interstate inmate calls. The legislation also extends this standard to all forms of communication, such as video services, to reflect today's technological advances.

INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, released the following statement in response, from CEO Chip Pickering:

"We applaud the leadership of Senators Duckworth, Portman, Booker and Schatz to bring a bipartisan solution to this long-standing issue. The lack of competition in prison telecommunications services has plagued U.S. families for decades.

"No American should be forced to pay the exorbitant rate of \$400 or \$500 a month for a calling service. INCOMPAS is glad to support this legislation to give the FCC full authority to bring some much-needed relief to prison call rates."

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