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**State Correctional Facilities – Incarcerated Individuals – Costs of Telephone 3  
Communications  
HOUSE BILL 1366 - SENATE BILL 948  
FAVORABLE VOTE**

3-4-2024

Dear  
Senator West Senate Bill 948  
Delegate Roberson House Bill 1366

Helping Ourselves to Transform firmly supports SB948 and its companion bill HB1366, which aim to revolutionize the cost structure of telephone communications in state correctional facilities.

This legislation ensures that the financial burden of telephone calls falls upon the facilities themselves under specified conditions, prohibiting the charging of incarcerated individuals or their contacts for telephone services.

Additionally, it safeguards the right to in-person visitation, clarifying that access to phone services should not replace face-to-face interactions. Essentially, this bill advocates for equitable access to communication for those incarcerated, facilitating their connection with the outside world without undue financial strain.

Please vote on this bill favorably.

Sincerely,



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