**\*\*Required. Incomplete forms will be returned. Please submit to** [**cansupport@aclu.org**](mailto:cansupport@aclu.org)**.**

**Sample petition:**

**Petition**

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| **Requested by: \*\*** | ACLU of Nebraska |

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| **Title: \*\*** | Prison Phone Companies Shouldn’t Be Able to Profit Off Families |

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| **Submit button text: \*\*** | ACT NOW |

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| **Goal Bar \*\*** | **Include  Do Not Include**  How many signatures are required to meet this goal?  1,000  Minimum total signatures required to show progress.  250  Starter message (This message is displayed when minimum numbers have not been met.)  Policy makers in Nebraska need to hear from you! |

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| **Landing page content \*\***  This content will appear above the petition form. It should be a brief summary of the petition with a clear, compelling call to action. |
| Over 40,000 Nebraska children have or have had a parent behind bars. **For these kids, losing a parent to incarceration can be as traumatic as losing a parent to death or divorce.** The average county jail stay in Nebraska is 48 days, making phone the only way to connect on a routine basis – often before a person has even been convicted.  **But for-profit prison phone companies have gotten away with charging sky-high rates to prisoners and their families, making it too expensive for families to stay connected.** Some county prisoners are charged up to $19 for a 15-minute phone call—a call that might cost $2 outside of jail.  Phone companies shouldn’t be able to profit off prisoners trying to be good parents and good family members. Steep prices mean many prisoners won't be able to call home as often, and that's bad for public safety—when prisoners keep in touch with their families, they are less likely to reoffend and wind up back behind bars.  **Sign the petition urging Nebraska lawmakers to stop private companies from profiting off of poor Nebraskans.** |

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| **Petition Message\*\*** |
| To Nebraska Lawmakers For far too long, prison phone companies have gotten away with charging sky-high rates to prisoners and their families. Unlike most phone services, many county jails in Nebraska charge more for a prisoner to call to their family in the neighboring town than they do to call another state.  When prisoners keep in touch with their families, they are less likely to reoffend later and kids are better off. It’s time to set jail phone rates at a price families can afford. |

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| **Recent Signer List: \*\*** | Choose whether petition signers can opt-in to having their name displayed on the petition page.  **Include  Do Not Include** |

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| **Custom URL\*\***  **All URL’s start with www.aclu.org/secure/[AffiliateCode]. They are also case sensitive so they should be in lower case.**  **Example: www.aclu.org/petition/ga\_2013\_bill\_of\_rights\_dinner** |
| /petition/ne\_jail\_phone\_calls |

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| **Expiration Date and redirect or message \*\*** |
| X Never Expire form ☐ Expire on Date: Click here to enter a date.  Redirect to:  Or message for expired page: |

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| **Social Share Settings \*\***  **Social share buttons show up on the confirmation page. If you would like to have people share your petition, please provide the content below for Twitter, Facebook and Email sharing.** |
| **Twitter:** |
| Up to $19 for a 15-minute phone call? I signed to keep private companies from profiting off of poor Nebraskans in jail.  #phonejustice |
| **Facebook:** |
| Facebook Title:  I signed to keep private companies from profiting off of poor Nebraskans in jail  Facebook Description:  For-profit prison phone companies have gotten away with charging sky-high rates to prisoners and their families, making it too expensive for families to stay connected. Some county prisoners are charged up to $19 for a 15-minute phone call—a call that might cost $2 outside of jail.  \*\*\*\*\*If you would like a specific image to be shared, please attach an image with your request.\*\*\*\*\* |
| **Email:** |
| Email Subject line:  Up to $19 for a phone call from jail  Email Message:  I just learned that some private phone companies are charging up to $19 for a 15-minute phone call from a Nebraska jail. Over 40,000 Nebraska children have a parent who is or has been behind bars. These outrageous prices are keeping families from having meaningful contact.  The ACLU has a petition urging Nebraska lawmakers to stop private companies from making money off of poor Nebraskans. I signed it – will you join me? |

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| **Confirmation Email\*\***  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also, use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.**  **Disable confirmation email** |
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| **Confirmation Page\*\***  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.** |
| Thanks for contacting your lawmakers. You can [read our entire investigation](https://aclunebraska.org/phonejustice) into county jail phone systems and see how much your county is charging.  Could you do one more thing? It is important to make sure policy makers at all levels of government and others in our community know how important it is for families to stay connected when someone is behind bars. Please [write a letter to the editor](https://www.aclunebraska.org/en/publications/tips-on-writing-ltes) and share why you signed the petition to keep private companies from profiting off of poor Nebraskans. |

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| **Email Notification \*\***  **Please list the email address for staff members who would like to receive an email notification when a new attendee registers.** |
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| **Right Column Heading \*\***  **Please update if you would like to change the text in the right column above the petition message. There is a 22 character limit in this field.** |
| SUPPORT THIS PETITION |