

# BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER



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Re: Docket No. 100504212-0212-01 – Preventing Contraband Cell Phone Use in Prisons

Dear Mr. Orsulak:

As a concerned Cornell Companies Senior Warden, with over 25 years of correctional experience, the issue of cell phones is obviously of great importance to me. Within the correctional environment, the number of confiscated cell phones continues to escalate.

The resources that Cornell expends include a tremendous amount of man-hours, resources and money to investigate/track illegal cell phone activity. Current technology is not fiscally feasible due to the costs of the equipment and the size of our facilities. There are also many indirect costs and potential costs that are not easily measured.

- Efficient communications could enable different institutions here at BSCC to coordinate disturbances that would exhaust all of our local resources.
- Costs associated with not only investigation of the use of the phones, but other illegal activity that is facilitated by their use, i.e. introduction of contraband.
- The costs associated with the increased Special Housing Unit (SHU) populations due to the numbers of inmates that are in SHU because they are either directly involved with cell phones or other investigations of incidents facilitated by the use of cell phones.

Of course, our greatest concern is security and inmates with cell phones are not conducive to the security of a facility or the surrounding community. Cell phones are an everyday battle and support is needed to correct this problem.

Sincerely,

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