

What are military organizations saying about Chairman Powell's plan to raise the cost for our troops to call home?

"... could hit military wallets like an armor-piercing bullet."

**Marine Corps Times Editorial
August, 2004**

"Increasing the rates may mean fewer precious minutes spent saying, 'I love you,' to a spouse, a child, or a parent. It is unconscionable to increase rates to those fighting and dying for our country, right now."

**National Guard Assn. of the United States
December 15, 2004**

"I implore you, the FCC commissioners, to resist the internal bureaucratic impulses to regulate these vital services to the detriment of our brave military service personnel..."

**American Military Retirees Association
November 3, 2004**

"Remember, these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are overseas because this nation has ordered them there to protect our national interests. It is unfair to penalize them."

**Air Force Sergeants Association
December 22, 2004**

"This increase would place a financial burden on our nation's military men and women serving in the United States and around the world."

**Air Force Association
November 16, 2004**

"We feel that in this day of supporting our troops, for the RBOC's to be asking for this kind of increase or any increase is a dereliction of duty on their part and must be brought to the public's attention."

**Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
November 26, 2004**

"Yellow ribbons and bumper stickers urging support for our troops would ring kind of hollow if the FCC decided to oblige telecom lobbyists and penalize our troops during wartime with a fat increase in the price of a phone call home."

**The 60 Plus Association
November 18, 2004**

"It's inconceivable that such a recommendation would be considered in light of the significant number of prepaid phone cards purchased by and for our uniformed service members who are engaged in combat in Iraq..."

**Fleet Reserve Association
August 16, 2004**

"I would like to express our deep concern regarding a recent proposal to impose new charges and access fees on pre-paid calling cards. These additional charges would be an unjust burden on our service men and woman and their families who depend upon them to stay in touch."

**Naval Reserve Association
December 13, 2004**

"We hope that during this time of war – when our military is courageously fighting for our freedoms – the FCC would consider the adverse impact an increase in access fees would have on the price of communicating with loved ones."

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
December 1, 2004**

"Servicemembers depend on this affordable means of communication to maintain a link with home. Raising costs would have an adverse effect on morale and could not come at a worse time."

**The Military Coalition
January 25, 2005**

"Please defeat the proposed new regulations that would impose new charges and fees on enhanced pre-paid calling cards. Our military members deserve no less."

**Enlisted Assn. of the National Guard of the U.S.
November 16, 2004**

"We hope the FCC Commissioners will turn down this proposed regulation that discourage affordable and necessary communication with family members and friends."

**American Coalition for Filipino Veterans
December 10, 2004**

"This would be a slap in the face to our military personnel and their families who have volunteered to sacrifice so much in defense of freedom."

**Center for Individual Freedom
January 12, 2005**

"[New access charges] would directly interfere with the ability of military men and women to phone home from far away, because as costs rise to providers, they will quickly be passed along to consumers – including men and women in uniform."

**USO (United Services Organization)
July 16, 2004**

Our troops depend on calling cards. That's why Congress directed the FCC not to raise their rates.

"The conferees direct the FCC not to take any action that would directly or indirectly have the effect of raising the rates charged to military personnel or their families for telephone calls placed using prepaid phone cards."

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Go to www.concernedvets.org to stop the FCC.



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