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William K. Marshall III, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons
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Subject: Expanded Phone Minutes and Reinforcing Family Connectivity

Dear Director Marshall,

On behalf of the members of United Voices for Sex Offense Reform (UV4SOR), I am writing to extend our deep gratitude for the recent policy enhancement announced on **August 20, 2025**, by Deputy Director Smith. The increased phone minutes for Adults in Custody, regardless of First Step Act (FSA) programming eligibility is an important step toward strengthening family connections.

This change bears real significance for those impacted by federal incarceration. It allows families and support networks to maintain consistent contact with their loved ones. Many households no longer need to divide a shared 300-minute allotment, which formerly reduced calls to as little as ten minutes every other day. Now, structured and meaningful conversations become possible again—a step forward in restoring the rhythms of family life.

Family members are often collateral damage of mass incarceration. The emotional toll—unseen and intergenerational—impacts children, parents, siblings, and extended support systems. By enabling regular, accessible communication, this policy helps heal that disruption, fostering resilience for both those inside and those holding the home front together.

UV4SOR wholeheartedly welcomes this change. It reinforces the dignity of those impacted and builds a foundation for more effective reintegration. We hope this momentum continues—and that further innovations will come to bridge the gap between incarcerated individuals and their families.

Thank you for this meaningful reform and for your ongoing leadership. On behalf of our members, UV4SOR stands ready to support any further opportunities to strengthen connections and promote positive outcomes across our communities.

Sincerely in Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Shawn Barrera-Leaf'.

Shawn Barrera-Leaf
UV4SOR Executive Director

CC: Joshua J. Smith, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons
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