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I am a consumer and single mom. Many single parents like me are not able to purchase the latest iPhone every few years and can barely make ends meet. Instead, we purchase 2nd hand phones from online dealers like Ebay or craigslist. When phones are locked to a specific carrier and the carrier refuses to unlock the phone (for reasons that vary between.... You are not the original owner.... The phone was lost.... The phone was not fully paid for....) the phone then becomes a useless brick and puts a big dent in our pockets. A 2nd hand or used iPhone can cost anywhere from 200\$ and up. This is no small change. I personally can feed my daughter for a few weeks with that money. Furthermore, it hurts the environment because the purchase of a phone that is useless goes in the garbage and into landfills instead of providing a consumer a needed valuable service for a few years. . I think the strongest reason to consider changes is for the safety of our children. I serve on my schools PTO and hear how so many moms want to get their children a phone to carry for school but can not afford it. If parents were able to purchase a decent used cell phone for their children and every child attending school had one imagine the reduction in missing children and crimes against children there would be simply because the child was carrying a phone and was able to call 911 or was able to be tracked by their cell phone. Looking forward by having a law that ensures use of 2nd hand cell phones, low income American will be serviced, online and 2nd hand retail stores will be serviced, Children's safety will increase, police medical and first responders will be supported and the government will receive more technology taxes. This is a win win win and beyond! Please consider passing a law that will guarantee used cell phones can be used and unlocked for use with any U.S carrier. Thank You

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