

Michael Kast
9158 Van Nuys Blvd. #4
Panorama City CA 91402

Apr 12th 2019

Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I currently reside in a residential suburban neighborhood within the second largest city in the country (Los Angeles), yet I only do have the option of one single provider for high speed internet at my residence.

A high speed internet connection in my home is crucial for my freelance business as well as various other services that I receive (such as VOIP home phone and streaming services). It is unacceptable to be at the mercy of one single company to provide this essential service, thereby giving them the ability to charge whatever they want for limited options due to their monopoly position. We need to join the rest of the developed world and have much more competition for high speed internet, which will lead to lower prices and better service (as is already the case for most other services such as cellphone and TV service).

Michael Kast