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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,

There has been for far too long, effective monopoly in most markets by major telecoms in the ISP field.

While lip service is given to things like satellite based ISPs to "prove" there is no monopoly, this is disingenuous. Effectively there is generally only one or two real choices for ISP service, which is not enough to stimulate real competition and good service.

America's broadband service is the slowest and most expensive in the world, which is a national embarrassment and strictly the result of false scarcity strategies to drive up corporate profits. This has been enabled by the absurd level of consolidation in the market due to mergers that should never have been permitted.

I'm a network engineer, and so I have expert knowledge on this subject, so I am unimpressed by arguments based on technical need that doesn't exist. There is no real reason for bandwidth scarcity any more, it's just greed.

For all of these reasons, I am throwing as much support as I can behind independent ISPs.

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