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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,

I am a consumer, and I support broadband competition.

I chose a small, local ISP because they provide competitive prices and extraordinary personal service. The broadband they supply is essential in dealing with my tasks as a community college instructor. The landline phone bundled into their service is an extra perk, and with the fires we've experienced in my area, having a back-up landline in case cell towers are down is an important safety measure. The choice of which business to patronize should be not only maintained but honored. Competition in business has been touted for many years as a cornerstone of the American economy. Do the right thing by the American people! Don't cave into the giant companies at the expense of the rest of us!

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