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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'm outraged that is seriously considering the petition USTelecom to end competition end the 1996 Telecommunications Act and hence remove regulated lease pricing of large telecom infrastructure by local providers.

The local providers are typically cheaper than larger carriers and offer better service all around. Their support staff are local and usually much more responsive and helpful. (And by the way, are not off-shored outside the US.)

They're seemingly also the bulk of companies that are aggressively rolling out new high speed fiber infrastructure (and at more reasonable pricing).

If the local providers in my area were to be pushed out of business by higher lease pricing, I'd be left with large companies being my only option and their cost is twice or more than the local provider. I know this because I currently am stuck with Comcast and am anxiously waiting the completion of fiber service. (The trucks are currently working less than a mile away!) My bill will go from over \$120/mo to \$40/mo (and then \$50/mo after one year). And my network speeds will increase from 70gb to over 300gb.

I beg and demand that this petition be rejected.

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