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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 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 a small business owner and a customer of a local broadband provider. I chose this local broadband provider because the only available competitor in our marketplace is AT&T and the quality of their product and service is not good. In addition, I chose the local broadband provider because they offered a fiber optic product as opposed to the DSL product, which was the only available product offered by AT&T.

I wish there were more (not less) choices for broadband in my area (the "east bay" in the San Francisco Bay Area). For most products and services we enjoy a wealth of high-quality providers. But for broadband service, we have very little choice and very little price competition. This is particularly unfortunate as broadband is a critical utility for both my personal and business dealings.

In conclusion I oppose any action that will discourage competition among broadband providers. I support such competition and I hope the FCC will consider the interests of consumers and businesses, for whom competition, high-quality services and reasonable pricing are critically important.

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