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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 writing in support of competition for internet service in my local service area. I have been happily using an alternative to the one (1) cable company and (1) telephone company for many years. The prices are better. The service is better. The product is better.

I started using DSL from an alternate provider to the cable and telco providers. When that company exited the business, I used the telco provider. I later found another alternate DSL provider and switched because they offered twice (double) the DSL speed and bundled my home and long distance phone service for a better price than I could get from the telco (and much lower than the cable company after their introductory rate period expired).

A couple years ago, my alternate provider started offering fiber connections in my neighborhood. Again, the cost was much better than the telco or cable providers and the speed was, at least initially, better. I think the telco and cable providers may have caught up but not at a competitive price.

Shortly after switching to the fiber connection, my employer closed the local office and I started working as a remote employee from my home. Without the fiber connection's speed, I would not have been successful working from home. I have since worked for two additional employers and each has been a remote working relationship enabled by the speed and reliability of my home connection from the alternate provider.

Please continue to support real competition in internet service in my neighborhood and across the country.

Thanks!

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