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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 user and very strong supporter of alternative telephone and broadband services to what's offered by the almost monopolistic communication companies. My telephone and internet services cost half of what they used through a smaller provider offering DSL and increasingly fibre connections. This with no decrease in Internet speed and an INCREDIBLE improvement in customer service. Can you believe we only have one cable provider in the major metropolitan area where I live? (Menlo Park, CA). This just shouldn't be! Please do not pass regulations that restrict competition or make it more difficult for alternative companies to compete. In the long run healthy, fair competition is better for everybody.

Thank you,

Ronald Schloss