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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 live in a rural area, the Napa Valley. I depend on an independent broadband provider for my work and security. AT&T was an untenable source. Previously, I needed to drive to the city of Napa to get a fast enough connection to do my work (18 mile round trip, twice daily). Now I can work from home.

I even need broadband to boost my Verizon cellular signal to complete a mobile call. (I live behind a hill)

I understand AT&T's financial position as regards competition utilizing their hard wires. However, independents are not allowed to install their own poles and wires, by law / regulation. Not to mention the huge waste of duplication.

At this point in time, it is reckless to stifle competition and the innovation it brings to communications.

I strongly recommend that the FCC leave this alone for the next 20 years.

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