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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,

The city I live in has two broadband providers that provide service worthy of mention. Those providers are Comcast and AT&T. Neither of these services or any other are improving infrastructure to provide higher quality services such as Fiber connectivity. Now I hear that they want to increase prices without offering anything new or improved. The reason they want this is because they have lobbied cities around the country to prevent competition from coming in. See <https://muninetworks.org/content/comcasts-election-investment-policy-brief-seattle-fort-collins> and <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20171106/09481638554/comcast-tries-to-stop-colorado-city-even-talking-about-building-own-broadband-network.shtml> for examples. I would have no problem having the option to pay more money for a higher tier plan, but that is not what they are after. Blocking others from providing service and increasing prices when you have that advantage is an incredibly nasty way to operate. I'm in a suburb but I'm in tech. I require the highest tier possible within reason price wise. I would switch to the first provider that knocked on my door that provided fiber at gigabit speeds. Gigabit is upload and download. None of the providers in my area provide this. I have comcast's "gigabit", which isn't gigabit. It's 1gbps down and 45mbit up. A ridiculous disparity. I also know for a fact that AT&T has fiber available close by, but I've been checking for years and they aren't expanding.

Providing high speed fiber at reasonable prices is essential to the forward momentum of cities not just in the US, but around the world. Entirely new possibilities become available when people become connected and can learn and work at the speed they need. Young people learning leading edge technologies such as cloud hosting services need to be able to move large, legitimate files. Entire schools need access to all reaches of the internet for research.

Plain and simple, internet connectivity is a service that is so high in demand that there should, and probably would, be multiple new providers coming to market in areas where large providers have declined to provide service due to the timeline on the ROI being too long. If we don't invest in our own people, we will not grow and we will not improve. Leaving the decision of who gets to grow up to a few businesses driven by revenue is a really bad idea. We have providers that want to come into areas and enable entire cities. The benefit of enabling competition in broadband services is so great, It would be a disservice to everyone who steps foot in this country to deny them that

opportunity.

Large telcos and cable providers were given a significant amount of money by our government to work towards these ends and we have seen nothing but regularly scheduled updates, and reports of extreme executive bonuses - and the same year at that.

My point is, competition in business is the most significant driving factor behind providing great product. In this specific case the product is extremely influential in terms of educational growth to our entire country, and providing access to this product should be at the forefront of our minds when approaching the subject.

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