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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 consumer who would be adversely affected if local broadband providers were not protected from noncompetitive giant companies like AT&T. I want the choice and I feel strongly that I prefer my local provider. I have connected to the internet with competitive DSL and phone service. Please reject lobbying efforts to decrease competition.

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