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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 both a homeowner and a small businessman who uses fiber optic services provided by a local company whose ability to survive and compete depends upon a competitive market. I appreciate their ability to provide lower prices and more personalized customer service than the large telecom providers. Before switching to fiber optics I used copper line services for both internet and phone, from the same company. Once again they provided superior service and pricing.

These factors have been important to me as both a homeowner and a businessman. I strongly urge you to support continued competition in the market, contrary to the monopolistic intentions of the major carriers.

Thank you.

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