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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,

The following are reminders as to how and why a healthy economy is built on ample competition:

Monopolies are one example of capitalism failing. Monopolies have virtually no competition and can dictate prices to their customers unless they are restricted by regulators. The customer either has to pay the price demanded by the monopoly or not receive that good/service.

Price, Supply and Demand. A monopoly's potential to raise prices indefinitely is its most critical detriment to consumers. Because it has no industry competition, a monopoly's price is the market price and demand is market demand. ... As the sole supplier, a monopoly can also refuse to serve customers.

With higher prices, consumers will demand less quantity, and hence the quantity produced and consumed will be lower than it would be under a more competitive market structure. The bottom line is that when companies have a monopoly, prices are too high and production is too low.

And of course theres more but, theoretically you know all this.

Please just do the right thing for the consumers of your country.

Thank you.

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