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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,

Without competition there will only be a few providers who can then choose to charge their customers whatever rates they would like. Competition keeps these prices as low as possible and ensures the industry is always evolving and adapting to new technologies.

I currently have a local fiber provider and I made this choice because I can always talk to an actual person that is near by for help if needed and they won't raise their rates after some sort of introductory period. This is best for me and many people in my community. Please help to keep the market competitive. Thank you.

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