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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 writing to express my strong objection to the petition to change portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that would reduce competition. If the petitioners are claiming that there are not residential customers who depend on unbundled copper that is patently false. As a consumer, I chose to use a DSL line in order to reduce my costs and maintain my landline. The alternatives offered by the petitioners would have been prohibitively expensive and caused a financial hardship. If the petition is granted I feel the anticompetitive results would profoundly affect me and increase the costs of continuing my phone and internet connections.  
Please reject this petition and maintain competition in the marketplace.

Thank you

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