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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have chosen a competitive provider for my phone and internet services because ATT has repeatedly refused to upgrade services in my area. The fact that I live in the heart of Silicon Valley and ATT has refused to meet my and my neighbors needs by letting their copper wire system fall into a state of decay and disrepair has caused constant concern for having dependable communication as I am many times without service.

It is important that small, better positioned service providers be kept in the market to keep costs down and service competitive. As a small business owner who operates a large majority of my consulting services via voice and internet, I am vulnerable because of my physical positioning in the southern part of San Jose as ATT has not put in fiber-optic . My service is provided over copper wire in underground utility lines. My line service to the house goes down 2 to 6 times a year due to the decaying equipment ATT has in this area and my cell service, which is also on a ATT backbone, is woefully inadequate as I am CONSTANTLY without signal. My service became more cost effective and dependable as soon as I went to third party providers, however, I am still susceptible to outages as my service is still provided over ATT lines. ATT was unable to match smaller competitor's service or pricing for my DSL and land line needs,

In closing, as a consumer and small business owner, I ask that you leave all regulations in place as is to bolster the competitive free market we currently experience.

Sincerely,

PS, I have only given my address as my phone line is not dependable over the ATT network, so the only effective way to communicate may be by snail-mail.

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