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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,

Competition is at the heart of democracy. More and more large corporations want to have money even if it means cutting office competition. Why innovate and grow when they can buy the competition until there is nothing but stagnation.

Please do let the large providers squelch smaller, reliable, internet service providers. I work from home and it is essential for me to have this service at an affordable price.

I have services thru an AT&T competitor and find them to be responsive, caring, available without going thru message after message, press here, press there.

I could not afford the cost of my previous provider - so this is essential not only to me, but others.

Don't stifle competition - encourage it - keep the big fishes from swallowing any little fish that gets in their way.

Thank you

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