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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 a consumer and support broadband competition to stop the major carriers from increasing prices and predatory pricing when there are limited carriers.

The internet has become a critically needed infrastructure for telephone, email, banking, bill pay,, entertainment and work from home business.

In Arnold CA (rural mountain town) the cost of basic lowest broadband tier of internet service is \$80 per month which is unreasonable. Yet the same service provider offers \$34/ month service where there are numerous competitors.

Competition is good for consumers to create reasonable and fair pricing.

In Brentwood CA, we switched to a new fiber optic small carrier and our basic internet cost dropped by 50% and provided a faster internet speed. Further, more, no annual price increases.

Please do allow deregulation and protect local competitive carriers.

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