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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 retired individual on a fixed income. I currently have a service provider that uses the copper wire infrastructure to provide a cost-effective solution for my land line and internet (DSL). I don't need fiber and I can't afford to pay any more for access. Without copper access I would simply have no internet. This requested change to the communications act is simply a way to eliminate competition.

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