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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,

As a consumer of DSL Broadband services from a local provider, I urge the FCC to protect the free market practices that are the mainstay of the American economic model. Protect Bridge2Broadband, competitive high-speed connectivity, competitive high-quality telephone service.

Furthermore, I communicate with many friends and family who live in rural settings where high-speed connectivity remains a challenge. The FCC should be enforcing policies to ensure that quality broadband is democratized and reaches more people rather than excluding more. Local competitive providers are critical.

The FCC must not be a tool of a few deep-pocketed providers whose sole interest is shareholder value. The FCC should be protecting customer value.

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