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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,

Until 2018 my neighborhood had one broadband option. That provider showed no concern for giving good value or service. They had a monopoly, so why should they? Then a small, local competitor entered the market with greater speeds and better customer care. Many of my neighbors switched.

Broadband competition is a good thing for customers for sure, but also for all providers. It makes them step up their game and keep their prices reasonable. Ideally, we'd have another one or two competitors in our area, but at least we have the two. Many other neighborhoods in San Francisco and cities around the US don't have multiple broadband options.

Competition is essential in the utility markets, and broadband is every much a utility as electric, water, and gas. Please don't let the most powerful shut down access for the upstarts and smaller operators.

Thanks.

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