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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'm a consumer who has been long frustrated by the lack of competition in the broadband market. There was time, perhaps 20 years ago, where dozens of options existing, leveraging a variety of technologies, features, and price ranges.

All that is gone. In my home in the suburbs, there are two options from massive, established broadband carriers. Both are over-priced for what they offer and neither delivers service I feel good paying for. The lack of low-cost, high speed fiber in my neighborhood is particularly onerous.

Broadband has become a necessity in our daily lives - local, suburban broadband (and especially DSL) simply cannot handle the massive increases in bandwidth needed to drive the volume of video, audio, home automation, web surfing, security cameras, and dozens of other services which now depend on the internet to function.

Paying more and receiving nothing in return is absurd. The lack of material competition (and incentives for new competitors) is absurd. For a nation that supposedly thrives on "free markets" we sure as hell seem to bend to the wills of massive corporate giants with deep pockets and armies of lobbyists.

Do the right thing here, people.

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