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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 writing in support of broadband competition. When I moved to the neighborhood I currently live in, I was in a position of having to choose between 2 internet providers (Comcast and AT&T), both of which I did not want to do business with for numerous reasons (past experience). I then learned of a new smaller local company that could provide DSL to our home. I gladly went with the smaller company despite not being able to get a cable line, which would have provided much faster service at the time. I was glad I went with the smaller company, as their customer service has been outstanding. Luckily there have not been many issues with the service, but the few times I did have to call them, I reached a representative quickly and they worked to resolve the issue in a timely manner. In a few years time, the local company was able to provide a fiber line, which was a great upgrade and allowed my wife the ability to work from home as necessary for her small business. She would not be able to do so without the fiber line and now this has become critical to her business operation from home. The service is also affordable, whereas what we were quoted by Comcast and AT&T was nearly triple of what we pay now.

I cannot imagine not being able to choose my provider and/or basically being forced to go with a provider that I would not choose and at a much higher cost.

We really rely on the services our local provider provides and oppose the petition for deregulation. I'm not even sure how this is legal.

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