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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,

Our country was built on the concept of free enterprise. I believe competition is healthy in affordable, quality broadband, as with other businesses. As an entrepreneur, and as a consumer, I rely on small independent, companies to provide services and merchandise. Small companies exist because they provide what the larger more monopolistic ones, don't. They are fundamental to American economic health. And what's more they pay their fair share of taxes. The larger companies often get governmental tax breaks.

What ever happened to the anti-monopoly laws? Have corporate dollars and lobbyists so corrupted our political system, that politicians no longer protect the American consumer?

I have tried AT&T numerous times before and have been angered and frustrated with their lack of service and abysmal lack of care for the consumer.

Please do not destroy alternatives for the consumer. We who pay the bills and our taxes, have a right to choose.

Thank you,

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