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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,

It is absolutely critical that our federal government do everything it can to regulate broadband as a utility, meaning that the core infrastructure should be open to everyone and available for all businesses, in tandem with net neutrality and related common-sense, business-friendly regulations. We live in one of the most technologically advanced parts of the country (and world), yet until recently we had only one choice for a broadband carrier, limiting our options and making it much harder for us manage our costs. My work is mostly online as well, so reliability and stability is key, which is only possible if there is a shared, public interest in those attributes for the related infrastructure.

Capitulating to the greed of legacy companies is anti-competitive, anti-consumer, and bad policy. Stop the Competition Cut Off now.

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