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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,

The Internet is to modern society what Radio was to a country coming of age 50 years ago. Like radio, the Internet should be a force for public good across the world.

The radio industry is required to satisfy laws and regulations so that broadcasts benefit the Public. And so should internet providers.

Radio provided and continues to provide access to information, education, and news of the progress or decline of government of the People, by the People, and for the People.

The Internet serves all these same functions, with the addition of a new international economic market. That economic market does not lessen the need for the other functions, nor does it mean that the other functions are useless or unimportant.

In fact, it demonstrates that the other functions are all the more important.

The FCC is tasked with protection of the interests of the People in the communication marketplace, in the United States and internationally .

Recently, the FCC seems to be wavering in its primary duty to the Public Good, and in a way that will degrade the Public Good.

IN FACT, since Radio is free to anyone with a radio receiver, WHY isn't internet access free to anyone with an internet receiver?

1) Please restore a free internet to the Public, just as radio is free to the Public.

Secondarily, but no less important,

2) Please guarantee more competition among providers of internet services. It would be ideal to have 3 or more companies offering services in a community.

3) Please stop rate hikes. Internet rate hikes cut groups of the People into small communities of poor individuals and decreases their ability to survive. These people will then have no access to the very information, education and access to government that is needed for the improvement of their lives.

4) The United States is ONE country. Please make internet access free to travelers across the nation. I am sure that the current predatory providers can figure out how to recognize a person's native provider across the United States.

PLEASE fulfill your mandate of protection of the Public Good. Is the Public Good really served by predatory companies who charge exorbitant fees?

Thank you,

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