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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 a consumer and small business owner and I support my small local internet company that depends on broadband competition. I still have internet through unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) (ie competitive DSL).. I also have landline telephone service through my internet provider--I rely on my old fashioned phone service to work when the power grid is down, which is happening more and more often.

My internet provider depends on continued access to UNE services--it is a key part of their business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members. They need continued access to compete in the residential marketplace.

Once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of my internet provider's fiber networks.

I will be materially affected if you cave into the pressure of BIG TELECOM and cut off competition.

As a single person I pay way too much already for phone and internet in my household. I do not want to pay for BigTelecom's bad business decisions as well.

PLEASE PROTECT THE BRIDGE 2 BROADBAND.

I like my small local company--I respect their politics and privacy decisions, as well as their business decisions. Please do not cripple these small local companies that are the heart and soul of America.

Thank you

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