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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 chose to switch from AT&T to a local provider because that provider's service is much better and at the same time less expensive. The new fiber optic cable that supplies both Internet and telephone service is faster and easier to use, and communication with the local provider is excellent.

I have read that "USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act."

Please do not destroy the ability of local providers to be competitive.

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