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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,

My family and I depend critically (in our various work occupations and for family contact) on a small local ISP, a company which provides excellent service, excellent technical support and, most important, respects our privacy by not tracking our online activity. They also provide our telephone service. This company is also actively building new fibre networks, enabling more and more communities in our area (Central California) to enjoy the benefits of fast and reliable broadband service.

This is why we are very concerned by, and strongly oppose, the recent application to the FCC from USTelecom to relieve providers of their obligation to provide access to unbundled network elements. Ending this provision of the Communications Act will make it almost impossible for small local companies like the one we depend on here to get into the market and compete against the giant telecom companies. We do not want to lose the choice we currently enjoy and the services we like and to be forced into the arms of near monopolies like AT&T.

Please do not allow this to happen.

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