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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,

Where I live in Northern California, there is very little competition for internet service. As a result, the monthly costs are high and the quality of service is unreliable. When I was with a large ISP, I developed a DSL problem connecting to a website that I use for business. There was a simple fix that would not have cost much time or effort for the ISP, but they refused to put it into effect. I was forced to leave that ISP, but fortunately, a new ISP with "fiber to the house" was able to provide better service for a lower cost. However, that service would be undermined if you grant the petition of the US Telecom association.

Please do not grant the petition of the US Telecom association. It will kill competition in NorCal, and it will hurt my business. I am sure that there are millions of similarly situated people, who would be materially affected by the grant of the petition. Please consider the harm to us consumers that would result from a reduction in competition.

Thank you.

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