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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,

As a residential consumer I choose a competitive broadband provider (over one of the big telecoms) because only the competitive provider offered fiber access in my neighborhood.

Both myself and my wife often work from home and we rely on reliable, high speed internet to stay connected, video conference and more.

We also use phone service through our competitive provider.

I'm originally from rural Arkansas and my family still lives there. My elderly parents live in a neighborhood where no broadband access is provided at all. No large companies do provide access in their sparsely populated, rural neighborhood.

I strongly urge you to continue to allow access for competitive providers.

Broadband access is critical for everyone in this day and age--for communication, for access to news and safety information, for education, and for community and entertainment.

Respectfully,

Jeff Parker