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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 Docker No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My name is Robert Clark and I am an owner of Canal Pointe Capital, a small private investment firm located in Akron, Ohio. I have been a customer of First Communications for over five years now. As a small, regional telecom provider, First Communications is able to provide service that I wasn't able to obtain from AT&T or Spectrum. As a small business owner, having alternatives to the large service providers like AT&T ensures that I receive fair pricing and exceptional service. I hate to think about what might become of the competitive landscape should AT&T get their way with this latest request. Raising rates would have a material impact to my business and many like mine. Not to mention the damage it might do to companies like First Communications. I would strongly request that you deny AT&T's latest request as another example of a large, corporate bully trying to enrich themselves at the expense of the small business owner. Thank you for your consideration.