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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,

The rural areas of America do not have the sort of choices that urban areas do. We need those copper lines to bring us our telephone. Not everyone has embraced cell phones, and even those who have, rural America has huge gaps of service.

In the event of an emergency, especially one that goes over enough days that one's cell phone battery might die and, believe it or not, not everyone has a car to help recharge that battery, without our landline phone system, there would be no way to contact friends, family, or emergency services.

Like it or not, rural America is still stuck in the 20th century, a century without all the fancy add-ons that cities enjoy. We must keep the copper wire infrastructure to ensure that everyone is able to call for help.

If you were to need 911 services and could no longer make a phone call, what would you do? Here, in rural America, we ask ourselves that question quite often. Please represent all of America, not just the cities. Keep our aging copper wire phone system for all to use and at a cost that everyone can afford. Our lives depend upon your decisions.

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