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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 big telecommunications companies are not being honest when they say the 1996 Telecommunications Act is preventing the deployment of fiber internet to homes in the country. For example, my local internet service provider, Rockbridge Global Village, has provided fiber to numerous homes in my area and is working daily to provide even more.

Whereas CenturyLink, one of the mega-companies lobbying to have provisions removed from the 1996 Telecommunications Act which were put into place to ensure healthy competition in the internet market. And while CenturyLink service is available in my area, not one fiber line has been provided to a home in the area.

If this move by the big companies is allowed, competition will go down and prices for consumers will rise. I live in a rural area with only the two services I've mention available.

I want MORE competition, NOT LESS!

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