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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,

Once again, we see corrupt politicians being lobbied by "big business" (CenturyLink, AT&T and Verizon), to eliminate provisions that will make it possible for small ISP's to compete on a level playing field. They argue that allowing small companies to compete is slowing down deployment of high speed fiber service to homes and businesses. That is simply a lie. we have family members who are employed by AT&T and the installation policy there is to deal with the largest potential customer base available, then work down the list.

In this area, CenturyLink has not installed one inch of fiber to a home. In contrast, the small ISP's serving this area have installed thousands of domestic connections to high speed fiber and are installing more every day. Our local communities are too small to attract the attention of the "big boys", and without the capability of our small providers we would not have any domestic high speed capability in this county.

Please stand up for small communities who are dependent upon small , local businesses who have the interests of our local communities at heart, and not a big corporation's "bottom line". Do not allow the USTA to have their way and remove those provisions from the Telecommunications Act which ensure not only healthy competition, but also make sure that small communities are not left behind.

Thanks!!!!

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