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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,

I oppose the USTelecom petition.

If you go through with approving the USTelecom petition it will be a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers choices.

As a consumer, I like that there is more than just the Big Telecom Companies out there for providing Telecom Services, ie.. Internet, Landline-phone lines and Cable/TV packages.

I DON'T want to pay Exorbitant Prices for my Internet/Phone services. I recently moved from Arizona to California and I went from a very Slow service to here where I am on Fiber and the cost is less because of Competition between different companies.

If you take away our choices, then you are effectively saying that YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE CONSUMER/CUSTOMERS, THAT YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT THE BIG COMPANIES; AT&T, TIME WARNER, VERIZON & etc...

I live in Tehachapi CA and we have services with RACE and they are so much nicer than the Big Companies (AT&T) in this area, I was informed by people in this area that AT&T here is horrible and that I should go with RACE because it is a LOCAL company that really cares for their customers.

Thank you,

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