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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,

My public comment is letting the FCC know I oppose the USTelecom petition. I want to make sure the FCC knows that approving the USTelecom petition is a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers. I live in a rural community. local broadband providers are so critical. Do not cut me off from people and important information I want to know.

Thank you.

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