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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,

For years AT&T neglected to inform me that a substantially cheaper plan was both available and better suited to my needs as a residential customer. Now I intend to never use their services again. Instead I use a local Internet and phone provider at lower cost thanks to competition.

Please do not accept the recent petition that would take away access to network elements that my local provider needs in order to continue offering competitively priced service.

For me it is about trust. I trust the small local company and I distrust the giant global company. Kindly do not place the small company at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to network access.

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