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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,

Broadband is critical for my life and my work. We have only one broadband provider in our city (where broadband is based on the 25M download requirement that the FCC has been using.) Instead I have gone with a DSL provide. Our lines are owned by AT&T, but they don't offer the service I want.

I am very grateful for the extra competition, and I am grateful that my ISP is able to lease the lines from AT&T and provide a better product.

We, the consumers, have long since paid for the copper in our (old) lines. My ISP pays AT&T for the copper and provides a superior service.

I strongly support and need broadband competition. The current situation is barely tolerable, and allowing AT&T to keep the copper to themselves would be a travesty.

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