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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 live in Tehachapi, California. This region is a beautiful mountainous geography and spread out populace. Here there are a multitude of small communities where larger incumbent networks and providers scarcely supplied or supported any network or online operations to the majority of our population.

Business runs on communication. If the community cannot speedily and cheaply communicate with larger areas, small business will wither in the region because they will not be capable of providing high quality and high speed results for their customers.

As a rural, mountainous area, Tehachapi gets a lot of inclement weather. In this inclement weather, citizens enjoy purchasing and renting online content from any number of providers to pass the time until the next work day or to relax in the company of their families. If this bill is passed, this economic flow will cease because the budgets will no longer be available. Citizens will not be able to afford both, the heightened price with reduced speed of internet AND their previous budget for online consumerism.

Allowing this bill to pass would be a step toward promoting monopoly for the large carriers. As the past has shown, the incumbents have not cared about our spread out communities, and so they have not provided for us at any reasonable pricing. However, Race Communications has shown devoted interest in cheaply and efficiently serving the local small communities.

Race is a perfect example of what we should be showing in our business sectors in regard to integrity, efficiency, and local community awareness and outreach.

Large providers repeatedly abuse their presence and large stature over the market by worsening their offers over time. The customers, myself included, have noticed and switched to better options.

Allow the penalty of low customer loyalty to hit those who abuse their customer base. Please do not force us to suffer and cripple our small but growing economies.

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