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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 am a citizen who supports broadband competition. I chose a competitive provider- a smaller local company providing DSL service to my home. That company is also building a fiber network. But AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, has recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber- the very technology that allows smaller companies to grow, expand fiber coverage, and compete!

Deny the anti-competitive petition to take away this critical access. Let competition flourish. Do not let giant telecoms develop monopolies at the expense of the United States consumer!

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter,

Richard Hanway