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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 chose a competitive provider because they were the only ones offering a reasonable price on service that did not force me into a bundled deal that included charges for cable television and I don't even have a TV! More competition means more choices that can be customized for individual needs. But I **did** need reliable internet service, as I now work from home.

Please say NO to any price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone service. As a very small business and sole proprietor, my margins are very slim, and I cannot afford higher rates. But I do need reliable internet to transfer my digital graphics product to clients.

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