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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,

After decades of loyalty to AT&T, I was finally driven to a competitor. The rising rates AT&T imposed, with no improvement in service or capacity, was the reason I switched. Thankfully, there was a lower cost choice for my phone and internet service, resulting in a better DSL service. As the number of customers increases, the internet capacity will need to be ramped up, especially using fiberoptic technology. Broadband is essential for my home business and financial transactions and our population needs up-to-date service. Competition in this industry is critical for customers to be able to obtain reliable and affordable choices of services. Fair communication is a public right paid for by our taxes. FCC owes consideration to the public's interest first.

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