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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,

Last mile competition, and consumer choice, are critical to maintaining a real market in broadband. When there are only one or two providers available, and those providers are involved in the content business as well, there is often no way to purchase Internet service without cable at any kind of reasonable price.

Plus, these are often the very same providers who have horrible privacy policies, unlike smaller ISPs. It should not have to be a choice between (1) no Internet or (2) full-time surveillance - especially given the nature of wireline access as a regulated monopoly "for the public good".

DSL is an important service for lower income individuals, small businesses, and consumers who do not want or need cable TV. Please maintain access for smaller providers.

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