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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,

As high as the barriers to entry are in the provision of internet access, doing anything that would limit what little competition there is will harm consumers. We've already seen all over the country that prices, speeds, and technology are worse wherever there is less competition for the largest providers.

If there's no free market for internet provision - and there isn't - the last thing we should see is the largest companies being yet again given a leg up.

I live in an area where prices have climbed, but service has stagnated for years. One of the centers of high technology - but the internet has for a long time been poor. My current provider is one of the smaller internet/phone companies, and thanks to them I've got reasonably priced, if speed limited, service. In the near future they hope to bring my neighborhood fiber access. I need this access for my work, for my hobbies, and for my general quality of life.

While I firmly believe regulation is usually the wrong direction to go, the framework in which the largest providers operate is already blatantly unfair and un-American. This intervention would remove competition, and dramatically worsen my life. It would harm an excellent business that whose service I'm overjoyed to subscribe to. It would be a further example of the sort of corporate welfare/crony capitalism that has misled so many to believe that free markets are a limiting factor - rather than the path to prosperity and freedom.

Please do the right thing for the nation, and reject US Telecom's petition.

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