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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,

As a broadband consumer and the CEO of a small ISP I'd like to implore you to not do away with the provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that ensure ISPs have access to the last-mile copper as unbundled network elements. Anyone who takes a look at the state of competition in the broadband industry will see that Americans are in dire need of competition when it comes to the choice of their broadband ISP.

I mean, it's in your charter ( <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/what-we-do> ), "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities". Please do what's best for Americans, not what's best for Ma Bell. Protect this competition and access, it's the fuel the powers the economic and technological engine of this country.

I am a customer of an ISP that provides me DSL over AT&T's copper. I choose to purchase service from my ISP because of the privacy protections that they provide, unavailable to me with AT&T.

Please reject removing the provisions regarding unbundled network elements.

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