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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 am writing to request that you retain the existing rules requiring AT&T and others to permit access by smaller local providers to critical unbundled network elements. In my area, a local provider has used AT&T's "last mile" copper wires for many years, providing our community competitive options at lower prices than those of AT&T, with better service (this company also provides employment for a lot of people in our community). Allowing AT&T to end access to these network elements would lead to less competition, less choices for our community, and higher prices. Please do not allow AT&T to strongarm its competitors out of the market at the expense of the people in our community.

Respectfully,
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