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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,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed healthy competition to grow, to expand fiber deployment, and lower costs to consumers. Without access to this infrastructure, these other players in the network access marketplace risk of losing access to a huge portion of the customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

I fully support broadband competition. The competitive market lowered my internet and phone service by 40% after years with slow speeds and very limited phone services from AT&T. Don't take that away.

Regards,

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