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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,

Please provide through regulation a competitive atmosphere for companies that are local and competing with large national concerns that would like nothing more than to stifle competition. The opportunity to compete is what the big companies want to quash. Deregulation would prove to be a curse for the American consumer; the big companies would celebrate by imposing a formidable price hike, having used deregulation to destroy competition.

I also use local competitors to provide my telephone service.

Thank you.

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