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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 a freelancer media designer and work mostly from home. Having a dependable and affordable internet connection is a vital part of my business. Furthermore, most of family live overseas. We all use video conferencing software to keep in touch. An excellent broadband connection is vital to my personal life.

Getting the best price depends on competition. Though I adore my current broadband provider I am always looking out for a better deal. In a gig economy, every penny I can save is always a good thing. If AT&T/US Telecom get their way, those affordable alternates will disappear. If they are allowed to tighten their sole grip on those unbundled network elements, then competition will die, options will disappear, and prices will rise.

C'mon FCC...do the right thing.

I need and support broadband competition and I urge the FCC to make decisions that also support broadband competition.

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