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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,

The 1996 Telecommunications Act is supposed to enable competitive market entry for any and all companies and encourage new network deployment so that consumers like myself have access to choice. The FCC shouldn't be picking which companies get preferred access such as AT&T or Comcast who are both trying to monopolize the market place through non-competition and exclude other players.

AT&T and its trade association, US Telecom, has recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements to make them inaccessible. This would have a negative effect on consumers, limiting their choice, and ISP's stifling innovation and their ability to bring services to under served markets in rural areas.

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