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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 deny the petition by AT&T and US Telecom to restrict access to unbundled network elements by smaller competitors. This is really an assault on consumers and a very old and greedy story.

I switched to a small, locally-based phone company nine years ago after years with AT&T. I could no longer tolerate the convoluted "Press 1 for this and 9 for that, type in your social security number, sorry didn't get that, please hang up and try again..." When I call my provider, I get a live person. It's the strangest thing! You should try it!

Please preserve competition and access to the technology we all need. Oppose these monopolistic tactics. I have been waiting and WAITING for my fiber and now this is being threatened. Come on FCC, help us.

Sincerely,

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