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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,

For many years, as a consumer and small business owner,
I have chosen a competitive provider because
the rates are better, the service is better, and I do not feel like
I'm dealing with a huge bureaucracy that acts as if it should
have a monopoly over communications but makes it
terribly difficult to get technical support or service.

It will be a dark day if price hikes lead to my having to pay
much more for internet and telephone services. I'm a senior
on a fixed income and every penny counts.

I support broadband competition and hope you will not
do anything to undermine it for consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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