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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 currently a customer of a local provider of internet and phone service. The service that I receive is excellent and exceeds that of the AT&T provider that I used for many years. The cost, while high, is significantly less than AT&T. I have also been a customer of Comcast cable, for a number of years, but discontinued it due to exceptionally bad service and even higher costs.

I do not understand why you would consider removing access from alternate providers. It is true that the last mile copper and/or intercity fiber is currently provided by AT&T in my area, but severing this option would tend to force my local provider from the market.

If the broadband option were to be eliminated due to decisions made by the FCC, the internet would become an e-mail service only, for I've already discontinued a high-cost broadband offered by the cable and satellite companies and AT&T. All of my entertainment and most website access depends on broadband.

I look forward to my current provider offering fiber service because I find the DSL that I have cannot keep up with the need.

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