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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,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements.

I've read 'US broadband competition at higher speeds is virtually nonexistent, something that's only getting worse as telcos like AT&T and Verizon refuse to upgrade aging DSL lines, giving cable operators like Comcast and Charter a greater broadband monopoly in countless markets nationwide. That lack of competition, in turn, drives sky-high prices, terrible customer service, and even net neutrality violations. '

This can't be good for the US consumer. The importance of having a fast, reliable and economically affordable internet service is obvious as it is an integral part of our life in how we connect with information necessary to how we play and work.

Lack of fair competition would only result in paying more for a lower quality service provider.

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