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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 a consumer and a truly small business owner-- sole proprietorship. The difficulties I experienced in securing solid internet, phone service led me to a local company that has been meeting my needs at a rate that my business can afford for over 7 years. That is why I support broadband competition and competitive deployment.

For me the price hikes that could ensue if I am not allowed to choose the competitive provider I have now will be a financial burden.

My community is a semi-rural one - for many years there was no service and then very limited. I do not want to go back to that or to the higher prices those large corporations will bring.

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