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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 would very much like the choice to pick the best ISP I can find. I do not want a situation where I have to choose between either Comcast or AT&T (both terrible, huge companies that might as well be carbon copies of each other as far as the consumer is concerned).

I do not want price hikes that will simply increase the cost of internet services, especially when they are arbitrary or vaguely defined. I do not want this because access to the internet is essential to my life outside of work. I work a good 50 hours a week and the internet is my gateway to news, politics, and entertainment. Without it, I will be forced to either be disconnected from current events or be force fed media through sources I do not like or trust.

Our country has suffered for a long time from a reliance on legacy telecom lines. It is essential that competitors be allowed to offer higher speed, modern internet service to customers so that communities (even rural ones) can take part in the internet equally. There is little that is more frustrating than having to suffer through something like satellite internet, or dial-up, because the big telecom companies don't think your area is worth the cost to set up modern fiber lines.

Please allow competition to flourish so that the consumer (as in, me) can benefit.

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