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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition in the local broadband market is critical to service quality, cost control, and technology advancement. Please do not let large conglomerates monopolize these services.

Without competition from local broadband companies, rural customers are forced to settle with existing AT&T infrastructure that AT&T has virtually no incentive to improve; the definition of monopoly.

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