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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 chose a local competitive provider in order to avoid the near-duopoly of major telecom providers in my area. These major providers had a reputation for poor customer service, poor speeds, and lack of privacy protections. I have been very happy with my choice of a local competitive provider, and still receive my internet from them via competitive DSL and telephone service. I feel that the competition enabled by joint access by local providers to major telecom infrastructure is essential to the quality service I have received at an affordable price. Keeping the marketplace at least as competitive as it has been is essential.

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