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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,

As a consumer of broadband access I decided to purchase from a local small ISP because of the personal service they provide me. This is only possible because of broadband competition enabled by access to unbundled network elements, as regulated by the 1996 Telecommunications act.

The only way I could have gotten affordable access to high speed fiber was via my local ISP. The large incumbents in my area still only provide copper, or very expensive and bundled services. If the FCC deregulates the rule requiring unbundled access to network elements by local ISPs, I will lose the affordable access I currently have.

Access to reliable broadband internet connectivity is vital on spare-the-air days in the San Francisco bay area. By telecommuting instead of driving I am able to play my part in reducing health risks caused by pollution.

Please reject the petition by USTelecom to remove required access to unbundled network elements. It will result in higher costs and lower access to broadband for consumers.

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