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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,

Competition is the cornerstone of our democracy and must not be stifled by acquiescing to huge corporations such as AT&T. Local broadband providers are crucial to millions of people. I am able to choose from several providers which gives me, as a consumer, power and the competition between the service providers makes for more advances in technology, better speed, lower prices, etc.

This is democracy and capitalism at its best.

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