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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 am one of many consumers who have benefited from competitive access to local phone and internet facilities. The service I get from my current local provider vastly surpasses, in terms of price/performance, what I previous got from AT&T.

This competitive local service critically depends on unbundled access to last-mile copper and inter-city fiber, which U.S. Telecom is now seeking to take away. I am very much OPPOSED to that proposal.

The foreseeable outcome of that proposal is that I will have to pay much more for my phone and DSL internet service.

PLEASE KEEP COMPETITION ALIVE. Do not deprive competitive local providers of the access that their business depends on!!!

Thank you.

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