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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,

It is really unfortunate that legislation to protect fair competition and net equality is being undermined.

Competition is needed to provide fair and equal access to the world marketplace the internet has become. Allowing differential access and/or restriction to access by providers will be damaging to the interests of all citizens in the country.

The purpose of regulations (hopefully) is to safeguard the best interests of the country and citizens. Short term business interests are not always in alignment with people's best interests, and businesses are best served by a healthy and prosperous middle class.

Add my voice to saying no to allowing the mega companies raise prices and block competition. We need local competitive companies bringing fast effective and inexpensive services to enhance business opportunities for small and local companies and for a healthy middle class.

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