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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 use a local internet and phone company who are wanting to expanding. I appreciate the pricing and service that I receive from them.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act is supposed to work by enabling competitive market entry and encouraging new network deployment. But the Big telephone companies are seeking deregulation (monopolies), so they could levy a massive price hikes on all broadband customers. They want to take away access to critical unbundled network elements which my provider and other smaller companies depend on in building new last-mile copper and inter-city fiber networks. This allows me and others to have faster internet speeds at competitive pricing and without needing wifi. I am wifi sensitive so I appreciate that I can have a fast option without the health issues.

Without access to this infrastructure, my local company, like others, are at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base, leading to higher rates, less fiber deployment, more dangerous 5 G towers and transmissions, and even less options for people like me.

Competition builds the future in a society that is overrun with 5 corporations running the media and other communication networks. We need options that support the people and not the corporations' monopolizing pockets.

In many communities, local providers are the ONLY connections rural communities have to the internet. everyone needs to have service.

Please allow local companies, like mine, to thrive, to eliminate health problems, to allow free choice at competitive and fair pricing. Don't allow yourselves to be bought out by Big Communication corporations! Do what is ethical and serves a healthy way to stay connected in the world.

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