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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,

Barriers to entry reduce competition, allow oligopoly, and drive up prices. Allowing AT&T and other giant companies to throttle back competition by choking out access along the last mile means more money for a company that is notorious for high prices and poor service. The copper wire pair is a legacy of the regulated monopoly era and must be shared if meaningful competition is to exist in this market. Please do not allow the United States, the world's leader in the development of new technology, to sink even further down the list of countries that make high bandwidth internet connections available at reasonable prices. MAKE AT&T COMPETE! DO NOT LET THE COMPANY USE GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO MAKE INTERNET USERS PAY THE OUTRAGEOUS DEBT PAYMENTS AT&T HAS BECOME OBLIGATED TO PAY TRYING TO TURN ITSELF IN A CONTENT PROVIDER AT THE EXPENSE OF INTERNET USERS! OUR COUNTRY NEEDS MORE LOCAL INTERNET SERVICES PROVIDERS THAN THE FORMER TELEPHONE MONOPOLY AND THE CURRENT CABLE MONOPOLY! THEY ARE BOTH NOTORIOUS FOR POOR SERVICE, TEASER RATES, AND HIGH PRICES. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WATCHING YOU!

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