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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,

You must avoid the trap of following the message from the best funded lobbyists and their mega-corporate masters to act in the interest of the greater population of Americans who depend on these near-monopolys for communications and information. Over the years these large corporations have benefited from public subsidies in the form of rights of way, clear airways and favorable tax laws, etc. Now they must pass on some access to their infostructure, ie, un-bundled lines, etc. to other companies also serving the same clientele.

My family and I live in a semi-rural area served by AT&T, Pac Bell and Comcast, very large corporate entities well established in our community and lethargic in making improvements to our service. Fortunately we also have Sonic, a relatively new provider of internet and telephone service that has installed many miles of fiber optic lines but still requires access to the copper lines to service the homes in our area. We need a competitive broadband/internet system that in turn requires you to support it. Please do support competitive broadband policies.

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