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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 a consumer and a small business and I support broadband competition. It is important to me and allows me more choices as a consumer. My current provider is a small business that I can contact and speak to people who live locally, in my community, who respond quickly and are easy to communicate with. When I have worked with larger companies (the ones I will be forced to use without broadband competition) it has been such a huge hassle and at times a detriment to my business, when I haven't been able to have internet access due to the company being so large that I can't even get someone on the phone who can help me. Please, please, please protect broadband competition. It is what is fair and just.

Thank you.

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