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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 write to urge the support of competition in broadband by keeping unbundled copper assets available between utilities and internet service providers. Internet access has become so crucial to managing modern life that the affordability and accessibility to this should be preserved in a competitive market just like electricity or landline phone service. Because of this competitive market, I have been able to keep access to internet in my household the 21st century equivalent of keeping the lights on because there was real choice for me in which ISP to use, allowing me to get the best price for the best available service level, during a time when I was receiving food stamps and other support, during the Recession of 2008-09. Without this access I would not have been able to progress out of receiving benefits into holding a full-time position and advancing in my career, because the office jobs of today require people to be able to log into systems from home, either in the evenings on video conferences with offices which are five time zones away, or when urgent matters come up on the weekend. I now work for Cisco Systems, which is a huge leap from where I was ten years ago, and I have a fiber line with which to quickly respond to urgent company matters at any time of day or night. This line was made possible and installed by a small local business because of the kind of access to unbundled copper assets that is currently under consideration to be restricted. Its crystal clear to me what the right decision is; protect the competitive market and reject this petition. Hard-working, tax-paying American citizens like me will thank you!!

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