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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 customer and small business owner who supports having competitive providers because of the great service we get from a great local company. Enabling competitive market entry and encouraging new network deployment is important for our economy and for being able to have choice in our services.

Without access to this infrastructure, all the smaller companies are at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

We don't want higher rates, we want to continue having competition, better local service and options like we deserve.

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