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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 very concerned about the recent petition by AT&T and their trade association, US Telcom, in an attempt to restrict access to critical unbundled network elements. Those elements are very important to local companies who service their communities much better service and pricing. Allowing US Telcom to have its way is a death sentence to those small companies that put customers first. Most of all, it would be subjecting American people to tyrannical pricing. I am sure that they may have made some argument that it would allow them to better provide service, lower prices, and so on. They might even promise it. I have no doubt in my mind that they have no intention to honor anything, nor keep prices low. This is a petition to secure power and they will have NO incentive to provide better service or lower prices. Do not listen to their promises, they nothing but words.

Instead, please support the small companies with the flexibility to help their customers. They serve the populations that AT&T would deem not profitable enough. Their competition truly drives down prices who suffer when they cannot deliver on what they promise. Through their heterogeneity, they provide more consistent service throughout the country. Without them, the quality of our internet service would greatly deteriorate.

I hope that the FCC will make the correct choice in denying the petition.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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