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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,

Fair competition is needed to keep our broadband service at a competitive price for the value - allowing only select providers to succeed in providing these services to our homes and businesses is counterproductive to allowing competition drive service and provide creative ways of meeting the ever-changing broadband needs of our rural communities. The area that I am in has very limited service - if not for a local fiberoptics company, I'm convinced that the quality of broadband that I would be forced to utilize would be substantially less than that of the local, competitive provider that we are fortunate to have. Having good, not just adequate, broadband is more than just a convenience - it is critical to our business success as well. In my years of business as well as personal use of broadband, I've never had as good of service from the large, national providers as I have from my present provider, who is more focused on my needs as a local provider vs. the needs of larger markets.

Keep the competition fair - as well as accessible and affordable!

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