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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 have chosen a competitive provider in my area because they provide faster, cheaper internet service along with stellar customer service. Broadband access is essential to my work...high speed, efficient internet allows for rapid, complex (video conferencing, etc.) communications that are part of my business. (Of course, I also use them at home for communication and entertainment).

I now have fiber service, far superior to DSL, as well as competitive telephone service. This allows me easier, more cost efficient communication with my clients in other parts of the country.

All of this is possible because of my providers vigorous participation in a competitive marketplace. They bring innovative, cutting edge services that the big telephone companies always lag in providing. They do this using access to unbundled network elements that the big telephone companies are lobbying to take away from them.

Please stand up for competitive local internet providers, superior service, and better pricing.

Thank you.

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