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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 writing to let you know about my internet provider, IdeaTek. I live in the town of Andale in south central Kansas. We only have about 900 people. I retired and moved to Andale 6 years ago from Oklahoma City. I did International Business before I retired. I was used to good phone and internet service. I was shocked to find out that AT&T would not even run a telephone line to my home because it wasn't cost effective. I live two blocks off the main street in the heart of this little town. The only Internet provider was Pixius. It worked slow or not at all and since my phone worked off the internet, my phone worked off and on also. I thought I had moved to a black hole! Pixius gave me the excuse that I had too many trees so my internet would never work well.

Finally after nearly five years IdeaTek came to Andale. I have a phone that works all the time and my Internet works! The costs are reasonable and I am treated like a person, not an account. Please don't leave us at the mercy of the big companies. They have the attitude that they are doing a favor for us to use their products. Save the competition!

If you have never lived in a small town you don't understand the issues we have in rural Kansas. I was really surprised when I moved here and things were still in the dark ages. I fear if it left to just large companies, the rural towns will suffer. I have to have internet. It's my connection to my family in the UK and friends around the world.

Save the competition and say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

Regards,
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