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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 want to write in support of local competition for broadband internet services that provide customers with better service and lower prices than the monopoly carriers.

For now, this requires maintaining access to "last-mile copper" lines as a bridge to upgraded fiber networks, longer term access to inter-city fiber is also critical.

The US is quite backward as regards fast internet service, and the local independent companies are the ones spurring the switch to high speed fiber systems.

Since I changed from AT&T DSL service several years ago, my bills were lowered by almost half and the speed increased by at least 20%. I want my local provider to have the resources to continue to expand their fiber network so I can finally obtain decent internet service. AT&T seems to have little interest in converting to fiber, rather they are trying to destroy any local competitor; the prime example of anti-trust behavior.

Thanks,

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