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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,

Competition is always a good thing, and I thought that there were supposed to be anti-monopoly laws in this country. This legislation you're contemplating is 180 degrees out from that. Our family has been waiting for fiber-optic in our neighborhood for years and there's no sign that any of the "big boys" are willing to lay out money (ie, cut their shareholders' profits) to service an area that doesn't have a lot of businesses to make things simpler and, especially, more profitable for them. Even if they do eventually get around to it, our limited income is not going to handle the outrageous prices they'll charge to "recoup our investment" while still making money hand over fist. Our only hope is our local provider 'cause the giants ain't gonna do it. Thanks to our local small provider, we've been able to get phone and internet at a fair price, although the internet speeds are suffering due to no fiber-optic over here. Please try to prove to the people who really do pay your wages...no, not the super-PACs, the tax payers...that you're working for us.

Thank You,

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