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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,

I am both a consumer who lives rurally, and a small business who operates rurally.
Without a small niche phone provider, I would be paying 100% more for my home land line,
business land line, and internet at both home and office.

Broadband is critical to my small business that operates in a rural area because I use the internet for
connecting with customers and vendors. We need competition in the marketplace, and want small
internet companies to have the ability to offer products that are NOT bundled.

I use a competitive small internet provider for my location, and would have to pay 100% more,
which would only give me 50% less if I were to go back to the big company who is trying to
monopolize phone, dsl, internet, and fiber services !
I just switched in the last 6 months to save money.

One giant company overcharges for minimal service, and the other giant company wants thousands
of dollars to bring in cable to our rural lane from the nearby road.

I need small companies providing niche products for my small company location.

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away
access to critical unbundled network elements. DO NOT give in to the petitions of these giant
companies who are already monopolizing so much of the market.

We need small providers to have access to serve their niche markets.

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