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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 value competitive choice and I oppose the US Telecom petition. As understand the petition - it will eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines, and to use fiber to connect. For independent operators that lease lines - this would negatively impact their ability to serve clients. In essence, a technology monopoly is established and ruled by few.

I believe in paying a fair price for services but allowing a monopoly to exist does not afford customers the ability to choose the service most appropriate to their needs and at reasonable costs.

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