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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 use a local internet provider. I appreciate using my local internet provider for several reasons:

1. They provide competition against the bigger internet providers
2. They are right down the street. I can walk into their office and talk to them about a problem I am having.
3. They guarantee to not resell my info or my browsing data to a 3rd party.

Without competition, there is monopoly. Monopoly power gives a company the ability to charge whatever prices they want. This is anti-competitive and actually goes against a free market.

If I did not have broadband access, I would not be able to work from home. I enjoy working from home because i have small kids and I get to see all of the various things they do while they are at home, as opposed to if I was at work I would never have the opportunity to see these things.

If a major internet carrier had a monopoly on our local market, and raised prices to a point where it was not practical for my home to have broadband service anymore, I would not be able to work from home and this will impact my quality of life.

I rely on broadband access and competition -- including local providers -- I respectfully ask you to decline the US Telecom petition.

Thank you,

Bryan Branstetter