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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,

The concentration of more service in the hands of fewer broadband providers -- clearly an attempt to drive up profits, regardless of the consequences of the costs to everyday people -- is yet another sign of how our current government is failing this country.

Please do not contribute to the sabotage of broadband competition and, ultimately, affordable telecommunication services. Too many hard-working or retired citizens struggle to afford such basic services. It would be shameful to worsen their situation so that larger telecom companies become yet richer and more powerful.

For a change, let's consider moving in the opposite direction, by taking measures to increase options, lower costs and improve the quality of broadband service.

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