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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,

Im a consumer and small business owner in support of broadband competition. I encourage your teams to take the long view and support competition. I switched from DSL to Fiber and have seen great efficiencies as a result. Competition is healthy and enables innovation. I have a couple choices today for phone and internet service and dont want to see that go away. I like to support good companies with my dollars and as a small business I want the freedom to choose what is best for me and my customers. I cant afford to be beholden to a massive entity that can sit on their laurels because they own the market. Please help individuals and business owners thrive by supporting healthy competition. We need more choices not less.

Regards,

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