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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,

We are a small business that uses a competitive provider for our internet and phone service. It is absolutely essential to the success of our business and the benefit of our employees to have access to this service.

Over the course of the last 27 years of business we have seen many changes in our phone/internet services needs and supply availability. We have never been happier with that service than the last 3 years when we switched to our current competitive provider and away from the large players that could not offer us service at a price that our business could sustain when we moved to a new location.

It is tremendously important that there remains competition in the broadband marketplace. Without competition from smaller, alternative providers businesses in every category will be stifled. Small business depends on fast reliable and competitive broadband service, and small business is important to the entire nation.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to allow competition and the continuance of competitive providers that are necessary for the small businesses across the country, like ours, and for the Entrepreneurs who have yet to create the new businesses that will contribute to the growth of the country.

Sincerely,

J Downey