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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 support a locally owned and operated independent internet provider. We had DSL and phone service through them for many years, and have since been able to upgrade to their fiber service. Not everyone in our city has fiber available yet though, and still depends on their DSL service.

America's copper cables were installed and regulated as a common good because public resources and right of ways supported their installation and maintenance, of by companies that were protected government protected monopolies.

We must protect competition in the internet and phone business. We must protect consumers against price hikes for internet and telephone service that only competition prevents. We must not allow monopolies that were once broken up to form again.

Thank you for standing with consumers and locally owned and operated communications providers.

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