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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,

Competition and innovation are at the heart of American capitalism and allowing innovators to develop or improve existing infrastructure is the bedrock of how we keep winning.

Closing off access and new entries into the space not only stifles economic growth, it also holds back progress.

I wholeheartedly support broadband competition. Through it, I was able to finally get on Sonic gigabit fiber. This has demonstrably improved my ability to increase productivity and develop even better tools and technology for my work.

When the AT&T monopoly was finally dismantled in the mid 80s, phone technology shot through the roof.

Keeping things old and clunky works when you have the market cornered.

We have to stay competitive with all of the other countries that are making broadband improvements daily that put AT&T slothful, half hearted efforts to shame.

We need to support innovation and economic growth.. support broadband competition. Thank you

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