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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,

I am an educator and entrepreneur that uses competitive telephone service daily. I choose to use a competitive provider for multiple reasons: 1) I want to support local, small businesses, 2) I want to be sure of my communications integrity and competitive providers allow this as well as more personalized service for my needs 3) large telecoms already have an unfair advantage in the market place and place their profits over the needs of consumers and small businesses. Competitive providers are paramount to me operating my business and effectively communicating with my students.

Broadband, fiber and other services are also useful, and I would like to see their adoption spread through MORE competitive services, not further monopolization of things that I believe should be treated more like public utilities. Please consider the impact of this changes on small business and their users, control being given to large entrenched business could be damaging to my business and others.

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