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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 switched from AT&T to a small local internet/phone provider about 3 years ago. The local provider uses access to the Copper Line ensured by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Service from the local provider has been significantly better than under AT&T-- the local provider is more responsive and any problems are remedied immediately.

I understand that the large Telecoms have petitioned for forbearance from required sharing of Copper Lines. Please do not grant this forbearance. Continue fostering healthy competition and opportunities for local providers, enabled by the requirement to share Copper Lines.

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