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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner who works from home. I live in a rural area. There is only one provider for phone and DSL services in my area. I do a lot of my work online and am therefore very dependent on my DSL service. I can not afford to have sharp increases in the cost of my internet and phone services. If you deregulate service providers, our prices could sky-rocket and put a lot of small businesses out of business, including mine. Small business owners like myself need the field of service providers to remain competitive and keep prices down. Who knows, if the field remains competitive, maybe someday I will get fiber optic service here in rural Northwest PA!

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