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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 am a small business owner, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT Broadband competition. Please do not unfairly narrow the field of choice to a few large corporate providers. This is not good for keeping the market free and competitive. I want to be able to choose from a large field, not just for price, but for the innovation that competition spurs. We need imaginative companies with a desire to bring new technologies, new hardware and creative new software to our communities, not companies who have a strangle-hold on the competition and limit our choices.

Local Broadband providers incentivize what they have to offer by bringing fast fiber-optic networks, local programming, and competitive phone service (which I rely heavily on).

I implore you to support an open, competitive internet. Don't let the big guys bully you into thinking they are the only ones who count!

Sincerely,

Peter Schumacher