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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,

Please do not suppress broadband competition! Before I switched to a small service provider my bill was astonishingly high. It was absolutely terrible. The only way the large service provider was able to charge me thousands of dollars a year for basic service was because there was no competition.

Because a local competitor was able to introduce fiber service in our area, I was able to switch Internet service to this small local provider. My bill was reduced by nearly two thirds and the service is approximately ten times faster than the service with the large anti competitive provider.

In addition, telephone service by large providers is also shockingly expensive. We are switching to telephone service from our new local Internet Service Provider and again will save thousands of dollars. I really hope you care about not gouging the hurting the citizens you serve.

Please do not anticompetitive behavior by large service providers because the citizens you serve are deeply impacted and hurt by this. Broadband is absolutely critical to my family as well as in integral part of my work life.

Again please serve your country and citizens by not allowing anticompetitive behavior of large service providers. NO TO PRICE HIKES. WE NEED MORE LOCAL COMPETITION.

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