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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 currently one of the lucky ones who actually have a choice in my ISP because of the competitive provider we have access to locally. I am using a competitive provider, and their prices and customer service are substantially better than experiences (direct and indirect) I have had with Comcast and AT&T, and I am extremely grateful to have a way to avoid dealing with the big players in the field. Those few big players are universally reviled from the consumer side, and it's tragic to me how few people in this country have any option at all when considering high speed Internet. I strongly believe that accepting this petition to reduce competition will be uniformly horrible for essentially 100% of consumers. Competition keeps ISP's honest in terms of price per service. And just as important, it allows individuals to make choices about other things that are important to them, including the customer service and other policies that an ISP offers as part of their packages. Please, please do not accept anything to exacerbate the near-monopoly that already exists in this space. Instead, I strongly encourage you to support measures that increase the ability for small players to enter and compete.

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