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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 retired executive director of a nonprofit organization who continues to serve the Bay Area community as an advisor and editor, working from home. As such, I need to have high quality, reliable access to the internet and to the phone. And I choose to use a competitively-price, locally-based service, as an extension of my commitment to the local economy and community. That high-quality DSL service is possible because my local service provider has access to the copper wires in the neighborhood owned by AT&T. If my local service did not have access to these wires, it would require me to go with one of the two huge national companies and be dependent on their monopoly pricing. Consequently, I am writing to urge you to maintain and increase competition in this arena rather than limiting it by allowing the owners of the copper and fiber wires that are the roadways for the "information highway" to restrict access to these roadways.

Thank you for your consideration.

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