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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 receiving both my home and small business internet service through a competitive provider, and I was disappointed, albeit not surprised, to learn of the proposed forbearance request relating to unbundled network elements and related matters.

Having broadband service is critical to both my home and business, and having access to competitive providers has made it possible to both obtain that service at reasonable rates and to obtain services simply not offered by larger companies.

I am skeptical, as you should be, of those companies' claims that they require exclusivity in order to justify infrastructure investment. However, after the recent net neutrality fiasco, I am also skeptical of your fulfilling your role as regulators. Please prove me wrong.

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