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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 consumer and I support broadband competition. I have fiber service today from a competitive carrier offering much faster speed and lower cost than ever before. I now pay \$62 per for Gigabit internet and telephone. I switched from cable modem internet that cost \$200 per month while offering only one-tenth the speed.

This fiber service was made possible only by the existing rules that promote broadband competition. If anything, we need more competition, not less! Regulatory changes that reduce competition will lead inevitably to higher prices and slower internet access, especially for consumers and small businesses.

I oppose the rule changes that would reduce competition in the consumer broadband market.

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