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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 have chosen a local competitive internet and phone service provider for several reasons. The primary one is the level of supportive services available to me though price is also a consideration. I will never use ATT because dealing with them has been a nightmare.

That said my local provider is working to provide fiber optic service in my area. If you take away regulation you may strangle innovations that I would like to see in my neighborhood. I'm on a fixed income and price of service may have a direct impact on my monthly budget. Competition helps to keep consumer costs down. ATT has lots of money but I do not.

My daughter lives in a remote area in the Sierra Nevada mountains. There is only one internet provider choice for her, a local service covering a very large area. The services is slow and cost is high. She and her husband limit how much broadband they use because of cost. Their children are limited when researching school projects. The nearest library is close to an hour away so even for learning purposes the boys depend on the internet.

As an aside you may or may not know what deregulating cell phone service meant to California during one of our several wild fires. Verison throttled fire fighters access to high speed internet to force the departments to buy more expensive data plans. This is what deregulation can cause and I don't want to see this sort of behavior just because big phone companies and do it.

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