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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 small business owner who supports broadband competition. Please do not allow competition to be stifled thus forcing us to do business only with the larger carriers. The larger carriers have not provided good service in the past (based on my experience and many people I have spoken to over the years) and competition forces them to do better on service and pricing. I'm very pleased to have "cut the cord" recently, cancelling my landline phone (now using cell phone only) and cable service. The only telecom service I kept was internet which I switched from ATT to a small local business. This small local business had about 50 5 star reviews on YELP so I decided to try him. I have been absolutely thrilled to dump ATT and switch to this awesome small business. The service is much better and the pricing was about 20% lower!!!

We desperately need more small businesses like this to satisfy the enormous demand for good service at affordable pricing. Everyone knows the large carriers are horrible and the only way to fix their wagon is through competition, that is the American way! You mustn't allow the large carriers to bully you into stifling competition.

I live in two locations and at my second location, I have been unable to find a good local carrier for my cable/internet needs. So every year the large carrier raises the bill by \$50/mo. or more which then forces us to make the dreaded phone call to haggle the price back down to a reasonable rate. I'm sure millions of Americans go through this nightmare every year. The only real cure is COMPETITION!! Please stand up for the American people and encourage more small businesses to fill the void. The current telecom monopolies are bad for the public and must be discouraged.

Thank you for standing up for the American people and encouraging competition.

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