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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,

Competition is good for consumers and monopoly is not. Don't take away our choice.

Our local provider is critical to my small business--and they provide our telephone service too!  
AT&T was charging a ridiculous amount additional for the land line.

Finally, our local provider has great, responsive, and timely service--something the big boys just weren't providing.

I urge you to support broadband competition by rejecting the big telephone companies' attempts at deregulation. Protect the public's rights, and support Bridge 2 Broadband.

Thank you.

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