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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 of broadband internet from a small local provider. Past experience with large providers in places where there were no practical alternatives have clearly demonstrated to me what large telecoms will do when they do not have to compete. I fear that allowing further deterioration of the competitive landscape will force providers such as my current one out of business, leaving us all with inferior service and inflated costs from remaining monopolies. I am university researcher who works from home over 50% of my time -- without reliable and affordable broadband I would not be able to retain this job. Please consider the needs of consumers in making your decision on the US Telecom Association petition.

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