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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 chose a small, local Internet provider primarily for the service. I pay a little extra, putting my money where my mouth is. I'm thrilled with my choice. My carrier has rarely gone down. I think I can recall twice ever since about 1996 or 1997. Sometimes I need service INhouse, but when I need it, I need it now, now, NOW. My competitive carrier can do now, now, NOW.

Don't even look at me like AT&T can come close to now. What's at stake is my reputation and my business. It's real money to me. Broadband, and in particular the service that goes with it is crucial to my business.

More competition is good. It's the American Way.

While I chose a small, local Internet provider primarily for the service, it's also because they're small and local. It's a vote for the local economy. They made a choice to invest in Solar power on their roof. I like that my internet footprint is not also a carbon footprint. I like that if I need to, I can go into the office on a Saturday morning and get some help on something I want to upgrade or work on.

I know these guys know their stuff. That trust is huge. My blood pressure doesn't need to go up every time I call about an Internet change. They're better for my health. I could go on... Clearly, I feel very strongly that I am able to retain my little neighborhood internet service provider.

This is a utility for me that requires a little regulation, and deregulating it would be a mistake. Please note that I strongly oppose the USTelecom petition, and I ask that you do too!

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