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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 understand you are considering changes to the rules that regulate local loop access for CLEC's (3rd party suppliers of telephone and DLS internet). That is a HUGE mistake, unless your goal is to be anti-consumer. That is absolutely no upside to the consumer if these rule changes take affect.

Having alternative Internet access via DSL is often the ONLY competition for broadband internet is most of the country. Cable is a defacto monopoly in many places and as anyone knows this is BAD for the consumer. And let's face it: Internet is pretty much a requirement now, it really should be treated like telephone service was 50 years ago.

I have been using with our local 3rd party provider for my phone and Internet (DSL) for as long as I can remember. They provided decent broadband and I stayed with them, knowing their goal was to roll out fiber some day. And that day has finally come; I get high speed fiber in two weeks.

Would that have been possible if they were restricted from installing their equipment in the CO and accessing the local loop? NO. Would it have been possible if the rates they were charged took most of the profit away from them? NO.

The only way to keep a modicum of competition for broadband internet is to continue allowing CLECs to operate and thrive.

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