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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,

Please, please, PLEASE do not take action that destroys competition in the marketplace of internet providers! Competition is what has allowed this country to thrive. Reducing competition creates a scenario where price hikes are a result.

Smaller internet providers have allowed us to have a choice. Isn't that what America is about? It is competition that creates better products for our country.

Personally, I began with a dial-up internet service, continued through DSL and now am a fiber customer of a relatively small internet provider. The opportunity to have my fiber connection has supported me in earning a living as a teacher with students around the world. I live in a rural area which previously had very poor reception, so this has allowed me to earn a living. In fact, it is vital that I have this connection in order to do this. Larger internet providers do not fill this need...it is the smaller providers who provide service to the local market.

So PLEASE keep competition in the marketplace so that we have a choice of services!

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