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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,

It has come to my attention that the US Telecom Association submitted a petition to your agency which would eliminate the requirement that incumbent carriers allow competitive carriers to access and rent copper lines from incumbent carriers. There are numerous reasons why that petition should be rejected.

An obvious reason is that it would lessen competition and inevitably result in higher consumer prices. Also, it would make custom and high quality services not offered by incumbent carriers unavailable to consumers.

In my case, it could hamper my business because I must use DSL to access the Internet, and broadband service in general, because I live in an area where fiber service is either unavailable or extremely expensive. In addition, the incumbent carriers in my area don't even offer the kind of domain hosting and Email services I need.

Best Regards,

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