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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 want to be able to make choices about my internet providers (and the prices they charge)! We need small internet and phone businesses so that we have options as consumers and so that the larger companies can't just strong-arm or control consumer choice and availability. Do not take away their (and my) access to use copper lines. Competition is healthy and important for keeping service consumer-focused while also benefiting the local economy and businesses. Have you ever had a problem with your internet and call Comcast for instance? Does a real live human pick up the phone when you call? Amazing service people pick up the phone when I call my local provider and that means the world for me in this too busy world. Cost of living just goes up and up and without competition, what will stop it?

Thank you for considering my perspective.

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