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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,

Competition in the internet service provider space is crucial to driving improvements in reliability, speed, and price. While the US ranks 10th worldwide in average connection speed, we are drastically behind when it comes to speed and access for sub-median customers.

Monopoly regulation of broadband infrastructure is crucial to increasing competition in the space. Please do not forbear provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which are critical to many independent Internet access providers.

I am a registered, active voter, and I support broadband competition.

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