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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 value competitive choice and oppose the USTelecom petition. My competitive internet provider is VERY important to me. I can easily speak to a human being and get assistance when I need it. I pay much less for my internet service with my local competitive provider. I also get a phone service through my competitive provider. The big companies have a stranglehold and charge much higher fees.

Please keep competition alive.

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