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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,

Our family have been the contented customers of a local and independent ISP for the last 15 years. If USTelecom's petition passes, it will not only eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines, but also to use fiber to connect their state networks.

We urge you to support a competitive broadband market, fair pricing, and independent providers by denying this petition.

Yours truly,

Melanie Lawrence and John Smail

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