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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,

For years, consumers had very little choice in broadband internet access. The big cable companies and the big phone companies had virtual monopolies, and could raise the price whenever they pleased.

Fortunately for consumers, the FCC forced the phone companies (at least) to share their lines so that local, costumer-oriented companies could offer competing services. The combined DSL/phone service we chose is a much better deal than anything offered by AT&T, and the customer service is paradise by comparison.

Now, we're waiting for access to fiber optic internet service. Allowing our local providers to compete in this marketplace should be your top priority right now.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Alex Madonik