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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,

Please do not allow AT&T and US Telecom to take away access to unbundled elements critical to last mile copper and intercity fiber.

As an elderly person living in a semi-rural area, this would inevitably deny me access to the internet from my home. The internet has now become an essential part of basic daily living whether we like it or not. I am dependent on it for practical reasons since nearly all companies and services increasingly make it difficult or impossible to do business except on the internet.

With a very limited income, it also has to be provided at a reasonable cost. The independent internet provider in my area currently can offer this. Together with excellent service.

I recently changed from Comcast, which is dominant in this area, because it became increasingly expensive and was absolutely impossible to reach if there were problems.

Please do not let giant companies continue to take over control of our lives. I am dependent on my government to protect my liberty to choose options in my life which work for me.

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