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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 am a customer of a small, local Internet provider. The independence of this provider, their service, their commitment to privacy and openness, are very important to me, as is the possibility for me to support a local business.

In spite of being in a vibrant community with a major university, Internet access to the town over phone lines is very poor because of the age of that infrastructure and the limited placement of central offices. We very much need fiber broadband, both to homes and to local offices and companies. There is a large area of the town that is unable to support high tech business because of the lack of reliable, fast broadband.

Competition in the broadband market supports both customers and local providers. It is very important that these providers are able to serve us over available lines. Please do not take away our choice!

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