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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 am writing in opposition to any change to the 1996 Telecommunications Act as proposed by the AT&T related trade group. If small regional internet companies were not guaranteed unencumbered access to the copper-wire phone infrastructure, competition would be diminished and this, in turn, would raise costs for people like me.

I enjoy broadband in my small town of 23,000 in southwestern Oregon that is provided by InfoStructure. The pricing is excellent, and service beyond compare. When I have had difficulty, I have been able to talk with an individual who took all the time it needed to fix the problem. I was dealing with a technician, not someone reading from a script in a foreign company as so often happens with large organizations. In contrast, on several occasions I have had abysmal customer service from a large telecommunications company.

I am usually in favor of less regulation, but in this case, it would allow large companies to create an unfair competitive advantage for themselves. Please consider the needs of those of us living in rural areas and do not grant the rule change being proposed.

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