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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'm a small business owner using an independent internet provider. The choice is important to me. Competition in this area is very important for me to get consistent, high quality choices. When I talk to business partners in other parts of the country, like DC/MD area, their web conference sounds terrible. They say they have NO CHOICE whatsoever and can only use one of the big providers.

Meanwhile, I am able to run my mostly remote business consistently well due to innovative local internet provider.

Please take this into consideration!

Best regards,

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