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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,

Although I am no longer a consumer of competitive DSL--having moved to fiber in order to get faster connection speeds--I have used competitive DSL from a small company in my town at a time when I didn't have enough money for Comcast.

We NEED to preserve competition in this industry. Comcast and other companies already have a stranglehold on internet service. It's important that there be some alternatives for those who can't afford Comcast prices. Unless you plan to regulate how much Comcast charges, forcing them to offer lower-cost options, then you need to keep competitive internet at the local level.

Thank you.

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