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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,

There has to be a fair and balanced approach to telephone services. If the fair and balanced way is not an option because the FCC is not allowing fair competition anymore, then the big guys will always win. Let us keep our options!!

We do not operate in a big city. We are rural America with less than 60,000 people in our valley. We need our options to be competitive. I own a telemarketing company located in this rural valley. It is imperative we are allowed competitive choices.

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