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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**

To whom it may concern:

I live in one of the densest neighborhoods in San Francisco, and therefore one of the densest in the country. It is teeming with geeks like me who'd be happy to pay for fast fiber-based internet. In other words, it should be the ideal target for deploying and economically sustaining fast internet.

And yet, I had to pay through the nose for internet coverage that most advanced economies would consider laughably slow. Until just a few months ago! Now I've actually got a service provider with good, fast, reasonably priced services, but of course it isn't from one of the incumbents.

I've seen news coverage that USTelecom (who represents my old, lousy provider) wants to reduce competition by shutting off the mandatory unbundled network elements. This reform was a good idea in 1996, and it's still a good idea now. It's clear (given that Comcast is literally the most disliked company in America, and given the lousy service and pricing I used to have in my neighborhood) that the current competition is not enough to discipline these providers - we still need regulations like these to make sure that there are other providers who can help push the oligopolists in the right direction.

Of course, no regulation is perfect. But given the current market failures in this area, I strongly urge you to retain the current unbundled network elements regs.

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