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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,

If unregulated, the control of Bridge2Broadband by a few large companies who also are internet providers could create an effective monopoly in providing internet services.

Such a situation could stifle competition, and more importantly, threaten free access to information and freedom of speech and expression as the small number of players in the internet marketplace build "pay to play" pricing strategies which could diminish available internet content.

Local internet providers have injected innovation and improvement into the broadband internet market; larger national internet providers have not kept pace with this innovation, such as fiberoptic transmission in place of older DSL technology, and instead appear to be employing a strategy to use pricing to either force customers to use inferior DSL internet transmission technology (which they own) or satellite-based companies (which they also own) for entertainment reception.

Since it unlikely that local land-based Bridge2Broadband providers can be segmented, and that the cost and nature of satellite-based streaming limits it to highly-capitalized entities, the effect of deregulation of Bridge2Broadband would be to establish an unregulated monopoly.

Say NO to price hikes that will increases the cost of internet and telephone services.

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