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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 value competitive choice and that you oppose the USTelecom petition. Why? Internet service needs competitive companies to provide service where giants won't go. You may think I am speaking to you from a small rural town, but I am writing from my home office in Berkeley CA. in the hills above the university, where the only company that can get me workable (I work from a home office) internet service is an local independent. Trust me, I get calls from AT+T all day long as do my neighbors and they are happy to sell us services only to have their installers come out and not be able to get it working.

There is already too little competitive choice in internet access and telecom service, and if the petition is approved, independent carriers across the country will lose access to critical network elements, and consumers could lose their choice of providers.

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