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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 oppose the US Telecom petition.

If this petition passes, it would eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers like me on copper lines, and to use fiber to connect their networks around the state. That would impair their ability to deploy new gigabit fiber service.

It's important that the FCC defends fast, affordable and competitive internet and telecom for all.

Thank you for consideration.

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