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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,

As someone who lives in an area where companies like AT&T claim it is uneconomical for them to provide internet service I strongly urge you to refuse to allow the large telecom companies to walk away from the line sharing requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications act. Over the past 10 years we have only been served by small internet providers, some of whom such as "Clear", disappeared from the marketplace after being purchased by sprint simply to shut them down.

Our only hope for the future to achieve reasonable service at competitive prices is for this legislation to remain in place.

Sincerely,

David Howitt