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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 am a customer of a local internet service and landline phone provider in the San Francisco Bay Area. I switched from AT&T for several reasons, one of the most important being that the monthly cost was half what AT&T was charging!! I also wanted to support a local business that is also implementing green policies.

I am distressed, although not surprised, that the US Telecom Association, representing AT&T and other incumbents, threatens my ISP and all other competitive carriers.

If the petition is successful, it will eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines and to use fiber to connect their networks around the state. That will impair their ability to deploy new gigabit fiber service, which will bring fast, affordable internet and telecom to all. Will my monthly cost double, i.e., go back to what it was with AT&T?

There is already too little competition 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.

It's bad enough that we are being squeezed by the big telecoms after the FCC gutted net neutrality. This is an ambush from a second direction.

The communications networks are intended for the public and it's the FCC's job to protect us. Please do that.

Thank you.

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