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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've been informed that serious threats exist for my local internet provider in the small town of Hood River, Oregon. In the past I tried working with a large regional provider, Century Link, and I found the service horrible. My local provider, on the other hand, provides excellent service at a competitive price, while allowing me to easily contact them for specific needs and personal communication and help. Losing the service of my small local provider would be a great hardship for me. I'm a writer with a small home office; the internet is crucial to my business, and keeping myself "connected" is the difference between a profitable day of work and one spent fighting to sort out connectivity problems. When I moved into my current house, I lost over two weeks of work waiting for Century Link to get me connected to the internet. Once I decided to switch to my local provider, it took me a day to shut down one connection and start another anew.

I urge you, please do not allow changes that threaten the existence and personal service of small independent internet providers.

Sincerely.

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