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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 understand that USTelecom, an AT&T trade group, has proposed to change regulations in order to deny wholesale access to unbundled network elements and certain services. This would effectively kill off all competitive Internet Service Providers (CISP) using the 'last mile' of copper outside plant and other shared resources.

This is an outrageous scorched earth policy that says 'if we (AT&T) can't compete with Big Cable, then No One Else Can!'. AT&T has stopped expanding UVerse terrestrial services in my densely populated area of Los Angeles County even though their UVerse facilities are less than a mile away from me. Even their traditional voice telephone service to me became noticeably less reliable in the last few years.

I now use a competitive ISP for internet and voice services as they provide higher quality products and actual customer support for about 60% of the AT&T price. My CISP's investment in local infrastructure will be wasted without the legal access required by Section 251 of the Communications Act. Without my CISP, the local cable company is the Only usable option and a defacto monopoly.

Preserve competition and fair pricing - DO NOT REMOVE the current Section 251 requirements.

Regards,

Michael Fuerst