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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,

We live in a small, rural area with limited choice on both Telephone and broadband providers.

Our local phone company is our broadband provider and has been non-responsive in the past two major outages (one lasted 9 days). Since we have a home based consulting practice, the lack of broadband is very costly and cellular back up service is only good for small batches of low byte content email. Cable doesn't extend service to our area, even though their cable crosses our property!

We need more choice, not less choice in selecting broadband services, whether wired or wireless.

ISP's who have access to resell line capacity from monopoly telephone companies help keep the market more competitive and service levels higher.

Help us keep more choice available to small, rural users. In major cities, there are more choices which are not available in rural areas.

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