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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,

Under a government that confesses to a belief in free and open markets it is truly shocking as a consumer to see the FCC supporting a monopolistic system, particularly in this area. With the rise of the Internet we have been promised a more truly competitive market. Instead it now seems that a key agent in such things, the FCC is willing to endorse monopolies, resist competition, and impose little or no regulation. That is shameful.

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