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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,

Every time the government says consolidation means lower prices for the consumer higher prices AND less choice are ALWAYS the result. I live in a rural community and these smaller competitors are integral to the area in which I live. Thank you for your consideration of my views. Without broadband service in our community we are a Third World environment. In the USA? NO!!!

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