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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,

My local phone service does not provide good customer service, as they have not local access numbers to call when there is a problem. I do not feel it is good for them to be the only company to provide internet service too. If other local providers are taken away to only other way to be served is by satellite service at a higher cost. I have found that as these companies get larger, their service becomes less. I have gathered local history that covers 150 years and have seen in that history that these happenings make it hard on consumers.

I have chosen a local provider to enable me to have better service. I have had to change my insurance company because of this same reason. I use my local service provide in my history collection process and do not wish to pass these extra costs that will occur to my clients.

I do not have competitive telephone service in my area, so to let Century Link make changes would cause me to discontinue their use and go to Satellite service instead. I may be able to afford this, but I do not think my neighbors would be able to.

I have found in history, we may be able to find other means of communication, but only at more costs.

These big companies are only interested in making more money and giving less service.

I am 77 years old and have been working with Seniors for the last 30 years. I find that any changes that may affect me, as I am now a Senior is another form of Senior Abuse.

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