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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 believe that competition is good and I like the smaller companies service. I call up and a person from AMERICA answers the phone. They don't make me wait 30 minutes for a person that doesn't know anything about my service.

I especially do not like Century Link. They overcharged me and there was nothing I could do about it, because they are too BIG. I tried to cancel the service and they wanted to charge me \$2000. There is no place for Century Link or the BIG companies in rural America. We are used to being treated fairly. I am speaking truth! I am 68 years old and the worst thing that has happened to me is MEGA MERGERS that eat up small businesses and then screw me over when they have a monopoly. I am experiencing it right now in my condo in Portland with Comcast. I cancelled my TV and am using an antenna so they don't gouge me. Comcast is the only company in my area and they know it.

I could go on for hours, but I'm sure you get the point and I hope you do the right thing for Rural America. I VOTE.

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