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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,

Competitive markets are at the heart of our economy, and small businesses are at the heart of America's entrepreneurial spirit. Please don't buckle to big-business pressure, eliminating important choices for millions of Americans!

I have experienced many instances in the past where I was forced to choose among limited communications sources and found myself paying exorbitant bills for shoddy service. I'm delighted to now have a competitive internet provider, a small local business who has been attentive to my needs, with excellent business ethics and unbeatable customer support.

My independent provider in my current urban setting is running on DSL and waiting for fiber. I do not want to have to wrangle with AT&T (again) or any of the other big players who have been so rapacious in their services to me in the past. I am also slowly moving to a rural environment, and once again experiencing the frustrations of limited competition and abusive business practices in this underserved community.

Eliminating our free market choices in a relatively new field will NOT make things better. Please do the right thing, and protect small competitive providers.

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