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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 currently use a local internet provider. I love that it uses renewable energy, that it supports non-profit institutions in this community, and that I can make a phone call or walk in the door and easily confer with a friendly and professional member of the staff who is available and prepared to respond to my needs.

I understand that this kind of local and user-friendly internet provider will be endangered if the major providers are allowed to dominate the market and raise prices. Please REJECT the petition by the US Telecom Association and PRESERVE the 1996 Telecommunications Act, ensuring that smaller competitive providers continue to exist and thrive in local communities.

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