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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 live in a rural area and get DSL via microwave from Gorge.net. I have experience with big service providers. And I have experience with CenturyLink. CenturyLink is well-known to use insidious sales and marketing tactics, such as "slamming" and collections, to bolster revenues. Small local service providers do not use such tactics as they would be basically "ridden out of town on a rail" if they did. I like the reliable service and price of our local providers.

If USA is to truly stick to the mantra "Home of the Free, Land of the Brave", it will encourage local providers, marketplace competition, small business development, etc. Leaning toward giant telecoms is hypocritical and encourages Facism, which is defined as the oppression of citizens via the merging of government and Big Business. Please don't do this.

True Capitalism encourages competition and discourages monopolies. Please don't encourage monopolies.

Don't bow down to greed (donations/bribes) and Big Telecom. Remember your conscience and support small communities.

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