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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,

We live in a rural area. Access to variety of services is already severely limited.

Currently we only have two land line telephone/internet providers in our area .

Changing how that operates will bring us down to one service provider. From personal experience, this one provider (Centurylink) has an extremely poor record of service in our area. We won't even talk about their actual customer service, which is non-existent.

Broadband services are essential to stay competitive in business and for personal use. Even our local small schools use telecommunications to inform our rural areas of issues (and emergencies). Removing our choices restricts our ability to continue to stay abreast of local issues and conduct business outside of the city areas.

Please keep the 1996 Telecommunications Act in tact and allow the rent of bare lines to continue to provide a choice in obtaining service. Do not reduce or restrict access.

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