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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,

My name is Deborah Fletcher. Im a consumer and a small business owner and I wholeheartedly support broadband competition!

Why would you allow huge companies such as Centurylink and AT&T force me to pay their ridiculous prices and push out smaller, more local companies, such as Gorge Networks?

I have been a very happy and satisfied Gorge Networks customer for over 20 years! I support my LOCAL merchants and in turn that supports my LOCAL ECONOMY! Why would you even CONSIDER taking that option away from me?

Isnt this America? A democratic nation? Isnt it the American way to have freedoms to choose?

I, for one, SUPPORT Broadband Competition! If you allow the big companies to monopolize the broadband and take away my freedom to choose, you wont be any better than a dictator!

Please do NOT let AT&T or Centurylink force me to have to use their terrible, non consumer friendly and costly services! Especially when I currently use the services of a local company, Gorge Networks, who offers fair and affordable prices with customer service that is unmatched!

Thank you for reading this and I hope you will listen to the consumers rather than the big companies! We matter too!

Respectfully,

Deborah Fletcher