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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,

Please consider who's behind this petition. The big telecom companies are trying to completely sweep away their small neighborhood competitors. Would you rather support your mom-and-pop shop around the corner from your house? Or do you prefer to travel farther away for the same one or two items from the big box international chain? My local ISP provides better customer service, better prices, and faster speeds than AT&T does in my area (downtown Oakland). Shouldn't I have a choice in who to select as my ISP? And not be forced into one option that, quite frankly, sucks?

This petition is completely unfair and one-sided. Big telecom companies should NOT have any say in FCC decision-making. This petition is bad for business, bad for jobs, and bad for competition.

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