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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,

Broadband is critical to my work as a public health nurse. I oppose rate hikes that would increase the cost of internet and telephone services and stifle competitive markets in telecommunications. Competitive providers allow public access across all populations, which is especially crucial for rural and underserved areas.

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