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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 rely on my broadband connection in managing my Schedule C bookkeeping business, my residential rentals and remote access to my part-time employment. I selected a regional ISP years ago because I have always found local businesses to be more responsive to my needs than mega-corporations.

It is alarming now to learn that the big providers like ATT are doing their utmost to shut out meaningful competition by smaller but significant and growing companies. There is no question that less competition would put the largest providers in a more favorable position and the end-users like myself in a less favorable one.

Since your decision against net neutrality, some conclude you are the servants of the corporations. The recent bandwidth throttling by Verizon of first responders to western wildfires was indicative of the profit motive's supremacy for such providers. I urge you to put the interests of all consumers before the profits of a handful of dominant corporations.

For more competition through affordable broadband and local opportunities,

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