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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,

I rely on services that use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. I oppose the petition to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I would be "materially affected" if this petition is granted. More competition in between providers is a good thing for consumers. In many areas, consumers have only one option for an internet provider. I support affordable access to the internet for all.

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