

Nicholas Ward  
1025 Stannage Ave.  
Albany CA 94706

Sep 1st 2018

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,

The top three internet service providers control two-thirds of the market. In many areas of the US, single companies enjoy a local monopoly. Dont let AT&T crush the competitive local exchange carriers! Protect the 1996 Telecommunications Act and prevent the oligopolistic quashing of competition!

Nicholas Ward