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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 choose a competitive provider, because the default large providers are profoundly hostile. They deliver incredibly poor service and are almost entirely incapable of addressing problems that affect their customers.

Competition is **required** for this situation to not get **even worse** than it already is.

I'm currently connected with competitive DSL, although this is a challenge because AT&T/PacBell failed to maintain infrastructure to a reasonable degree for **decades** in Oakland. Reducing competition will insure that just as poor a job is done in the coming decades.

I also get my telephone service via an alternate carrier, because when there are problems, the alternate carrier is willing to make an effort to solve them. Not so with AT&T.

Why would you make a choice to undercut this essential possibility and make life even worse for normal people. This affects me even in the "high tech" land of silicon valley. Don't make a bureaucratic choice that cements the poor technology infrastructure in the United States.

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