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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 vehemently oppose US Telecoms attempt to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Competition is extremely important. I have relied on large companies before and had prices raised to a level I could no longer afford. Without competition prices will soar once again and retired teachers like me will not be able to afford access to telecommunications. I prefer to use small companies because whenever there is a technical problem, I receive help swiftly rather than having to wait for someone to answer the phone in India or the Philippines where the connection is often weak and it is difficult to hear any directions. I can also rely on them to inform me of any changes in policy instead of informing me after the fact.

Please examine the effects of lack of competition on consumers like us.

Thank you.

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