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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,

We are concerned that the large internet carriers such as AT&T and Verizon are aiming to push out local, competitive carriers with revisions to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. While we feel that the Act itself was a complete disaster for democracy, there were some provisions in the act that were put in to assure that customers had the ability to choose smaller, more responsive carriers, and thus, at least in part, assure us that we would not be subject to the privatization of our communication commons. If we are relegated to select one of only a few mega-carriers we are sure that our service quality will decrease, and our costs will increase - and we will have no choice but to accept the compromises.

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