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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,

Yes, the copper wires do count!

Yes, the fibres count.

Yes, I for one need them.

I choose to support local services in everything I do - I do NOT prefer huge monopolies and lack of choice they offer.

I prefer choice.

I choose to support cost-effectiveness.

I choose to uphold local jobs as much as possible.

I do NOT like talking to the Phillippines or Mexico or Canada or India - I prefer to talk to the provider down the road, or the retailer down the road - a real voice, a real pair of eyes.

I prefer real people, not virtual reality.

I work from home, I use the internet for my work, I need broadband to deliver efficient service so that I can do my work efficiently.

I do NOT do well with price hikes, especially if they gouge the ordinary person, putting profits before service. Deregulation will create unnecessary price increases and force many hard working people to choose between communications services and food or medicine, as their budgets are forced to stretch to the limit, which they have already hit.

Telephone and the internet are vital to living in this world, they are a basic need nowadays. They should not be used as profit centers, but as critical services.

NO to deregulation that the big companies are lobbying for.

Thank you.

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