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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 am both a consumer as well as a freelance IT consultant and competitive telecommunications services are vital to both my personal and professional life.

Without competition, there will be no real incentive for the "big guys" to maintain their networks or provide reasonable pricing. Where I live, there are only two service provider choices: AT&T or Charter. Because of the nature of their networks (telephone infrastructure vs cable infrastructure), it's not really competition either as depending on the area, one provider is strong and the other is weak...which really means there is only one reasonable choice (unless you want exceptionally poor service).

This is unacceptable. The whole purpose of a free market is to encourage healthy competition, and said competition should result in exceptional service offerings at exceptional rates.

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