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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 as Americans have always championed competition. And when something gets too big, their advantage is dangerous to that competition.

We've been asleep at the wheel for a while now. The telecom companies are so huge, how can smaller companies even begin to compete? The big companies will by nature stay the course on choices that are good for them, bad for the consumer, and a death knell for the small guys.

I lived for 14 years in a rural community, where the only hope of internet came from Omsoft - a small broadband company. Responsive to issues, and offering an opportunity for me to grow a home based business was their gift. I cannot imagine how different my life would have been without them.

Please begin steps to size down the big corporations, and support the smaller local broadband providers. Broadband competition must be prioritized.

Warmly,

Lyndsay Dawkins