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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 live and work in the small community of Hood River Oregon. I have broadband internet service at both my home and by business. These services are essential for participation and growth in the modern economy. We have been fortunate to be served for 15 years by a regional independent broadband provider. We were recently able to upgrade our business to high speed fiber internet service supporting a variety of increasingly cloud based services we utilize for our business. In our small community, national providers have been sporadic in service, and provide poor quality technical support. I believe that the local, responsive customer and technical support, and the competitive pricing of our regional provider has contributed to overall business success.

I strongly request that you to decline petitions to roll back regulations that will ultimately decrease competition, local access and affordability of broadband services.

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