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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 do most of my work from home and rely on stable internet connectivity. In both my urban (San Francisco) and rural (Western New York) locations, I depend on local carriers, at least one of which uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs). The inability of either of my small carriers to compete in their marketplaces, which would certainly be the case under the terms of the current petition under consideration, would have a disastrous effect on my ability to live and work in either of these locations.

As such, I oppose this petition to take apart key features of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that make it possible for my local carriers to exist and compete, and for me to be able to make a fair choice between carriers in those locations where any choice is even available.

Thank you for your consideration.

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