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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 a residential customer of an independent carrier who uses unbundled transport elements to provide my telephone and internet service. I live in a rural community that receives very limited service by the major nation-wide providers. I am disabled, elderly and very dependent on these services. (I also vote).

If the proposed changes to the 1996 Telecommunications Act were to go into effect. I would no longer be able to afford the resultant price hikes and the limited service response would also be hardship. Without independent internet providers, those of us in rural communities have very limited shopping and entertainment options. It also keeps us connected to our families and friends that are geographically distant.

Please do not grant the petition to change the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Thank You

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