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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**

To the Federal Communications Commission:

My work-world has changed dramatically in the past couple of decades.

The internet has gone from being one of several communications avenues I could use to become the primary, almost sole highway between me and my clients and customers.

I know from experience that competition encourages innovation, better service, and better prices.

Reduced competition leads to less innovation, lackadaisical service, and higher prices.

For the benefit of US citizens and their businesses, I urge you to make every effort to encourage increased competition, rather than reducing it, to our nation's detriment.

Thank you.

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