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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 writing to you. I had previously been a Gorge.net customer and I'm now with Century.link for my phone and internet. Gorge.net is a critical player in our community and the gorge. here is no question their ingenuity and business have contributed to the services we are able to get here locally. While I'm a Century.link customer we value and support Gorge.net and urge you not to grant USTelecoms petition.

I would happily purchase my service from a local provider, even if the cost was more expensive. I know Gorge.net has done a lot of work to upgrade and secure our phone services in our area. I know they work well with the other providers and they have even supported our community events when Century Link was a host sponsor. For our current position it was easier to bundle phone and internet.

Our family still takes our email service through Gorge.net and we frequently use their classified pages for advertisement. Gorge.net does more than just provide services they are a fundamental community link locally.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Gorge Networks to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,

John Rust