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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 retired UC Davis employee. My family has been a customer of our local ISP since it was created. It provides good service (DSL) at a competitive price, is very responsive to our needs, problems, and concerns. Therefore we have no reason to switch to Comcast or AT&T, the other providers in our city. The proposal (elimination of the COPPER line sharing requirement) that has been put forward would, I believe, put our local ISP out of business and decrease the number of choices we have for internet access. These COPPER lines have been paid for by their customers over the years and in that sense belong to the public, not just the companies. I believe that the consuming public should have a major say in how they are used.

Affordable fast internet access is an essential element of today's society and business world. My experience with Comcast (cable TV) and AT&T (phone: landline and cell) has shown me that they are much more concerned with profit than the needs of their customers. For the most part it is "here are your options - take it or leave it!" The future is fiber that neither of the big companies appear to be interested in providing. The local ISPs provide increased competition and force the bigger ISPs to provide better service.

Thank You.

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