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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,

We are residential customers who use a local internet provider reliant upon UNE's, and "forbearance" from Section 251(c)(3) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act would absolutely affect us negatively. We switched from AT&T to a local provider because we get better customer service, more competitive prices on telephone and internet service, and freedom from constant harassment to purchase additional services that we neither want nor need. We oppose deregulation that will serve near-monopolies such as AT&T/Verizon and penalize local providers.

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