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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 have been with a competitive provider of AT&T for 12 years. They are almost like a mom & pop store with the excellent service I get. When I separated from AT&T 12 years ago, they charged me a \$200 "premature separation fee."

I have never been penalized by being a member of my local provider. If I need technical help I can be talking to a tech in minutes. After all the hours I spent trying to get technical help at AT&T, I very seldom got through.

I live in a small, almost rural, town, after having worked in Silicon Valley for well over 20 years. I have technical skills I would lose if my service were to be compromised by availability or price structure. And this small town resides just beyond where fiber is installed.

Bringing up the topic of my and my neighbor's service being compromised adds to the concern of our community (which I count in the millions as we live in the multi-counties north of the S.F. Bay Area) after the fires of October 2017 roared through here. It would be redundant, but I'll do it anyway, to emphasize how necessary important broadband competition is to keep costs down in these trying times.

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