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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 consumer who needs reliable internet for my livelihood. Without competition, there is no reason for any company to improve, because consumers can't go elsewhere for service. Without reliable internet, my workplace can't run transactions, update inventory, or even check prices. This costs the company time and money, because our customers are quite capable of going elsewhere.

As a customer, I have access to reliable internet that is not part of the old Bell system. What they want to do, in removing this component, is to make it impossible for anyone else to even enter this marketplace and to damage anyone else who was already there. This is verging towards monopoly, and is counter to the spirit of competition in a free market, which the US prides itself on.

In closing, please keep the 1996 Telecommunications Act intact. Strike down this petition.

Thank you for your time.

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