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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 oppose the USTelecom petition! Competition in the phone and internet industry is a good thing and local service providers are a key component in this formula.

I have been a customer of Gorge Networks, my local ISP, for over two decades. I live in a rural area and Gorge Networks fills my need for internet service at a fair price. Without Gorge Networks I wouldnt get the same speed, customer service or price that I have now. In addition to receiving reliable internet from Gorge Networks, whenever I have a question, my call is answered locally... in the same town where I live. When I need to update my modem, I get in my car and pick it up while running other errands. I say hi to the people I know who work there and meet some of the new folks. Which leads me to another point. Gorge Networks employs members of my community! How wonderful is that?!? The people who work at Gorge Networks not only provide me with reliable internet and fabulous customer service at a fair price, but they're my neighbors too.

I oppose the USTelecom petition! Please don't take away my ability to receive my internet service through my local ISP, Gorge Networks.

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