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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 to say I am aghast that another anti-competitive ruling is being sought from the FCC. First came the underhanded way the decision on net neutrality was handled, now this attempt to cut off access to copper lines, both of which give consumers less choice.

We used to be stuck with ATT for our phone service and it was a nightmare. Once when our line went down, it was days before it was fixed, but that was not the end of the problem. Our phone went down again in short order, and ATT did the exact same things over again. When I asked why they couldn't just look at the record of the last "fix", I was told they don't document the work so that another technician could fix it faster this time. To make things worse, it happened a third time, with the same result.

Thank God the local provider we switched to was able to provide service, and we have been problem-free for years now. Without having the choice that we had, we would have been doomed to put up with bad service with no other recourse. How does squashing access to copper lines foster competition, the life blood of our economy?

When the phone companies were split up some time back, it was over monopoly concerns; how is this any different? It's a blatant attempt to cut off competition, and the losers will be the consumers, again.

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