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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'm writing to say I do support broad band competition and am not in favor of large well established companies being granted special privilege over small companies which are locally owned and staffed, independent internet, T.V. and telephone service providers to rural areas and smaller communities.

If granted, the larger companies could smother the smaller ones leaving consumers with few options for service and no choice for a less expensive rate, the cost of services could go up to whatever the provider wants to charge but the consumer would have no options but to pay the additional fees or cancel services.

Broadband communication has become the "norm" so allowing just a few companies to have a monopoly over the market is unwise as the services are used by most households, businesses and educational institutions as well as individual consumers and people need options for the type of services they can obtain and the rates they pay for such services. Fees would invariably be higher if these services are provided by just a few.

Most consumers are moving away from land based telephone service and bundling cellular service with internet and cable T.V.. This would seem a good reason that we need to have a healthy market with many options from different providers to allow for people to obtain the services they want and pay a price they can afford.

My small community is serviced by multiple companies some are using fiber delivery systems and some are not, yet. This allows consumers many options for pricing and service bundle choices.

I am against USTelecom's petition to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. They are just attempting to restrict the market in their favor.

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