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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,

Please do not repeal the rule granting competing phone and internet companies wholesale access to the copper-wire phone infrastructure which is guaranteed by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. It would stifle fiber deployment, cut off rural communities from broadband service and jack up rates. In our small, rural, home-based business, we use a competitive local exchange carrier (Infostructure) to provide our high-speed internet service. We have been with this company for many years and are very satisfied with their competent and prompt service. Competitiveness will keep prices at a reasonable rate; we would be put at a distinct disadvantage if we had no choice but a big, faceless company who would not care about the needs of a small business.

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