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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,

We chose a local ISP because we appreciate their business model and because if there is a problem, we can go to them directly instead of just being a number.

Furthermore, I am very concerned that the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association would put smaller, independent carriers out of business. In such an event, the large telecom companies would essentially have a monopoly, hiking prices whenever they want, and putting mega-money ahead of customers' needs.

I think that healthy competition is essential, and that includes the competitiveness provided by the smaller independent carriers.

Thank you!

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