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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,

Without the competition local internet providers bring to the ISP market, the vast majority of Americans will be stuck with one or two potential broadband providers. This is a recipe for massive price hikes which would price many people out of internet access.

North Koreans have much faster broadband than most Americans. This is because North Korea has forced its broadband companies to allow local ISPs piggyback on the big companies networks. This provided enough competition that the big companies paid for faster networks to keep their subscriber numbers up. By eliminating competition in the ISP market you would assure that US internet technology stagnates where it is today. Without competition the big telecom companies would have no incentive to pay for expensive upgrades.

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