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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,

Although I don't fully understand the technical side of this issue I FULLY understand the need for competition. Competition means I have choice and it means businesses are competing for me as a customer. And when businesses compete for me it keeps prices low.

I remember what it was like when there was only one phone company. I also remember how I was treated. There was no need to be "customer focused" because if I wanted a phone there was no place else to go. COMPETITION changed all that. More choices and more innovative services at a lower price.

I do not want to be forced to use another service that will likely cost more. I'm against any new law that prohibits competition and it sounds like that is exactly what this new law would do.

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