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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,

I'm disturbed by USTelecom's petition to change the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Their claim that in the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by this action because "there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace" is patently false.

There are two other internet service providers using copper lines and fiber in my area, one of whom has been my ISP for almost 20 years and my telephone service provider for three years. It provides fast affordable internet and telecom to its customers.

I'm a science writer and depend on broadband at home to do most of my research. I can't afford rate hikes that would inevitably follow such an anti-competitive move.

The fact is that consumers need MORE choice and MORE competition, not less. If USTelecom's petition succeeds, consumers across the country will lose their choice of providers. It's imperative that USTelecom not be granted this filing.

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