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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 writing in opposition to the USTelecom petition that will effectively end competition for smaller companies. I used to be a customer of a larger company for both telephone and internet but when prices were rising I had to call in and beg for lower rates and even then received the lowest of broadband services. Now there is a local provider who has given me better service for years, stable rates and when calling in there is a person on the line who is not "monitored for quality control". Smaller, competitive, and community based businesses are essential to providing an alternative to the near monopolistic hold on modern fiber and telecom services.

Please reject this petition.

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