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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,

I could tell you how much I rely on my local PBS station to entertain my 5 y.o. while I prepare dinner. Or how much my family relies on streaming our favorite music while we do chores on the weekend. But I'll reserve my most urgent, impassioned message for the way we get our news. NOW MORE THAN EVER, we need competition (and hopefully lower prices) in broadband service! As our country's current leadership tries to discredit news sources, we need more, not less access to a variety of news outlets. I spend a not-so-insignificant amount of time fact checking the stories I read. If my internet connection were slowed I wouldn't have the time or patience to follow up. This in turn would lead to my voting on fewer issues - as it is my policy not to vote unless I am reasonably informed.

Assuming I am not alone in this approach, you can see the "snowball effect" of reducing internet access is potentially disastrous. NOW MORE THAN EVER, every US citizen needs easy, reliable access to information.

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