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Via ECFS
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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 am a sole proprietor who depends on a free and independent internet for my practice. I can not afford to be held hostage by one or two internet providers. We must maintain a broad range of competition. I now have a fiber optic connection both at the office and at home, having changed from DSL about 5 years ago. Cost increases would be a huge burden.

I also live in a rural area and depend upon the fiber optic connection for home computer and phone service. Without this service, we are cut off from the world.

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