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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 am one of millions of American consumers who are fed up with the lack of competition in broadband internet service. I literally have just one option for high-speed internet access at my home. I pay more than \$100 a month for broadband service advertised as 250Mbps download speed and get half that speed on a good day, and less on others. They provide nightmarish customer service, because they know I have zero other options right now at this speed, and just one other option at much lower speed. A local telecom company is laying fiber in my neighborhood and I am eagerly awaiting the day in November when their service will be available at my home at \$40 a month for 1Gbps service.

My current provider's business model relies on spending more money to lobby you than to serve paying customers like me. So they are now lobbying you for "forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining competition" in that marketplace. This is ridiculous. It feels like an accused murderer petitioning a judge that the case against him be dismissed on the grounds that there is effectively no remaining life in the victim.

You have already done enough to stifle competition at the bidding of a handful of huge telecom companies. Please do your job with the interest of consumers in mind. Please reject this petition and maintain small local telecoms' ability to offer me and millions of other Americans competitive services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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