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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 value effective competition. That means competition that doesn't shut out smaller competitors.

I buy my Internet service from a smaller firm. It uses AT&T wire to go that "last mile" to where I live. I subscribe to regulated AT&T for local telephone because I want copper wire, and AT&T actually provides useful service for telephone. However, my experience with AT&T is that I don't want them for internet or anything else besides local telephone service. The local cable is Comcast, which falsely accused me of stealing their cable service -- I don't want to patronize them, either.

Smaller local services have more incentive to provide honest, high quality service. I therefore oppose the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association.

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