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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 lend my voice to those who oppose proposed action to deregulate the internet/broadband. I support broadband competition. Historical evidence shows that creating/enabling greater monopoly in an industry does not improve local service and accountability nor reduces cost to consumers in general.

My local internet provider has provided excellent service and reasonable pricing for many years. I support such local broadband competition. Companies such as my provider are essential to rural communities across the nation.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

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