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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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**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 consumer who supports broadband competition. I feel it is critical for consumers to have a choice among the providers of telecommunication services. Competition keeps costs lower and it insures better service for the consumer. Over the years I have spent countless hours on service calls to AT&T and always felt they were not concerned about their customers. The service was barely adequate but the cost of my landline and internet service continued to increase over the years. Poor customer service was one of the reasons why I switched from competitive DSL to fiber.

I am very happy with my fiber service and my fiber service provider. I like being able to choose a local service provider. They have provided excellent tech support. Because they are part of my community, their first priority is to give good service to their neighbors. They care, huge corporations do not. Competition makes companies answerable to their customers first not to their shareholders.

I do not want to see fewer and fewer telecommunication providers because I fear they will limit what information I have access to by either limiting speeds or raising prices so high that I cannot afford some services. The freedom I have to choose among many service providers guarantees access to information critical to me and to the health of our democracy. I vote more competition, not less.

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