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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,

As a consumer it is important to me to use local businesses whenever possible. It is important, in this case, that local internet service providers are given a chance to compete. Please consider the fact that local providers give consumers choices other than AT&T for our phone and internet service needs. My local provider gives me great service and a local office to go to if I need it. AT&T gives me long wait times on the phone and incompetent service, oftentimes, when i do get to speak with a human being.

So, please say NO to price hikes that will increase phone and internet costs for homes and businesses. And say yes to local competition.

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