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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,

Only an idiot can claim that these days Internet isn't almost as important a public utility as water, power, waste removal, transportation, or emergency services. In fact all of these other utilities wouldn't be able to function without it.

Suppressing competition between internet providers would leave us without the impetus to constantly improve the system for the public (who owns it) while rewarding and encouraging profits for a handful of providers that want to impose their own interests by willfully throttling content that doesn't align with their interests. This will only lead to higher costs to the consumer while making the entire system less robust and an easier target to malevolent actors who would love to bring the whole system down.

Let's also not forget that these same corporate whiners have done little to nothing for rural communities; claiming that it just wasn't profitable. They've already failed the country in this regard, while smaller companies are willing to fill this niche. I myself have recently switched to a smaller provider who gives me infinitely better, faster, and cheaper service than my previous provider (AT&T).

Encouraging these bloated corporate interests at the expense of diversity and the competition that made this country what it is can only be construed as corruption.

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