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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 choose a competitive provider because I firmly believe in the anti-monopoly laws that were established over a century ago, and I believe in the protection those laws provide to businesses of all sizes and consumers of all backgrounds. Healthy competition benefits our world at large, which is what you were put in place to protect.

My local, small business ISP gives me excellent service for a competitive price, and I know I'm directly supporting fellow citizens rather than a handful of overly wealthy executives who refuse to pay a living wage to their workers. I don't support price hikes that benefit a few at the expense of many, especially over what should be considered a basic utility by now. Broadband internet is critical to a healthy society because it allows us to learn about ourselves and about others; to share information and gain understanding about the world--all of which in turn makes us a better, less fearful society.

Please save competitive telecom and support the Bridge 2 Broadband!

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