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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,

As a small business owner using an independent carrier for my telecom service, I oppose the USTelecom petition. I value competitive choice and allowing local independent carriers to serve their communities by bringing affordable telecommunications to all. There is already too little choice in internet access and telecom service and if the petition is approved independent carriers, like mine, across the country will lose access to critical network elements and consumers, like me, will lose our choice of providers.

Please heed this comment and others like mine, representing the consumers and community members most directly impacted by this petition and by loss of competition and choice in internet services.

Thank you

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