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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,

Competition is the basis of free enterprise. When corporate giants are allowed to act as virtual monopolies, free enterprise is stifled, innovation is lost, industry progress stops and the American dream is crushed.

Please do not do anything to limit small, local internet providers from competitively offering quality service to their local customers. As a rural resident living in a remote agricultural area none of the "big" providers could offer us service. A small, local provider found a way to get service to us. Monopolies are notoriously difficult to deal with and rarely have good customer service.

Keep competition alive.

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