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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 value broadband company competition. Ive had incredibly bad experiences with some of the larger companies over the years. I chose a local company that was smaller for their personable service and right sized package. I didnt want a huge package. I wanted one that met my needs for basic internet and phone services at a reasonable pricer point.

Competition creates better service and a healhier market place for consumers like me. I am a small business owner, so I know what it means to provide value with a personal touch. If we loose smaller companies, there would be a huge price hike that would make basic needs in this modern world less accessible to small business owners and less affluent schools and families.

Please protect local options for broadband and telephone services.

Thank you for your time.

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