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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We live in a rural suburb of Santa Rosa in northern California. We are ill served by the usual telephone and internet providers. Cell phone connection is virtually nonexistent on our property and we must have copper line based phone service for our safety.

My late husband and I served on a local committee that worked for years to obtain fiber service. The large carriers refused to work with us or supply our neighborhood because there were not enough users to make doing so economically worthwhile. Indeed, for several years, the large companies claimed to the FCC that they were adequately covering our area, which was simply not true. The inability of anyone to get cell service in our small town (Occidental, California) was a standing joke; at local concerts and other public gatherings, MC's would laugh as they asked people to turn off their cell phones, "just in case," when we all knew there was never any chance anyone would receive a phone call on their phone since we all knew there was no viable service in the area.

Only smaller companies were ever interested in supplying internet and alternative telephone service to our area, and we now are supplied with fiber access by one of the competitive providers. Only through this local provider are we now able to obtain high speed internet connection and telephone service.

This competition is vital to our access to the technology of the 21st century. We want and NEED broadband competition in our lives and in our community. Please do not endanger our access, and please do not subject us to the increased costs that suppressing that competition would allow.

Thank you.

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