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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 writing to oppose the petition filed by US Telecom, in which they have requested forbearance from 251(c)(3) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

I'm a residential consumer of internet Services provided by a small independent ISP in Northern California. I chose this provider, and continue to do business with them, because of the exceptional customer service they provide, which in my view cannot be matched by the large cable providers. My internet service relies on my ISP's access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs). I am someone that USTelecom claims doesn't exist: a person who would be materially affected if such access were to be removed.

I respectfully request that you deny USTelecom's petition, and protect my freedom to choose a provider other than cable monopoly for my internet service.

Thank you.

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