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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to you on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County YMCA (The Y) where we work with the community to support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The Y has locations throughout San Luis Obispo County to meet the needs of all the members of our community. We are a longtime Digital West customer, and we are concerned about the granting of USTA's petition.

Digital West has provided service to the main Y location for many years but recently they were able to upgrade our location to their fiber optic network at a cost that was accessible for us as a small nonprofit business. The YMCA also has alarm lines and voice telephone lines from Digital West at locations and provides and maintains our telephone system. My understanding is that most of these services are provided on the services that the USTA proposes to eliminate in their petition.

Our Y chooses to work with Digital because of their ability to provide these range of services our organizations needs at an affordable price.

I feel the Y has been able to save money and benefits from the hands on local service by working with Digital West. My understanding is that the petition as proposed by the USTA would take away one of our key vendor's ability to serve our locations efficiently and could considerably raise the Y's cost of operation which would be a challenge for the organization as a non-profit.

I appreciate your consideration in not ending the ability of providers like Digital West to offer an alternative to the incumbent telecom providers such as AT&T. This, in my opinion, would support a healthier marketplace and quality services for everyone.

Sincerely,

Monica Grant, CEO
San Luis Obispo County YMCA