

Andre Libarle
64 Jessie Ln
Petaluma CA 94952

Sep 5th 2018

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,

It is critical that we maintain competition in the broadband market. Our local, smaller ISP's are indispensable in their knowledge and ability to take care of customers that would otherwise be ignored because they are "non-profitable" to the larger ISP's. The local companies are active local employers, provide discounted and better services to our local schools, non-profits, etc. and have built their reputations as providers that actually take care of their communities. They should be held up as an example of local service and what customer service should be. They continue to grow and put pressure on the larger ISP's because they are providing better customer service and better options in a market that would otherwise be a monopoly or duopoly. I urge you to maintain the protections allowed them by the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Andre Libarle