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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 am a small business owner who always shops for fairly-priced, competitive services and products. For my cell phone, internet and "land-line" services, I have chosen companies that use wholesale connections which I know must be preserved in order to prevent the monopolistic practices of companies like AT&T.

I have personally experienced the ways the dominant providers have used deceptive practices, bait and switch techniques, and then long term contracts with unconscionable penalties to maximize their profits at enormous cost to their customers. Elder consumers are particularly vulnerable.

On the other hand, smaller providers are operating with greater transparency and flexibility for their customers. Those are the ways they compete, and those are American values that I hold in high regard.

Together, as citizens of the US, through legislation and regulation, we have the responsibility to prevent the monopolistic practices that weigh down the economy and increase inequality in our nation. That is why I am writing to you, the FCC Commissioners, to deny the USTelecom petition, and to preserve competition.

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