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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,

As a consumer and former small business owner, I wholeheartedly support broadband competition. As companies merge and there is less competition, I've only experienced higher prices and declining service. I want the ability to choose a competitive provider and I certainly want my rural colleagues to be able to compete on the marketplace with broadband as I'm able to do. The route your are currently considering will result, as far as I can tell, in price hikes -- which hurts all of us, especially those in lower income households and small businesses.

Please do your part to help ensure equitable, accessible, and universal service.

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