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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,

It is becoming clear that the trend in our nation if not around the world is to consolidate independence into monolithic entities. Yes, independence itself is being consumed.

You are a part of a governmental organization charged with preserving our democracy as concerned with communications. Government is needed at times to protect ideals that would otherwise be destroyed by selfish interest.

The internet is probably beyond the wildest dreams of our founding fathers but Tyranny was something they were most familiar with. Fair competition requires some refereeing by government, specifically the FCC is needed to protect our people from unfair use of the internet. What is at stake is our democracy because the internet has unlimited potential power to persuade the masses. The 2016 election is just the tip of the iceberg of what power the internet has on public opinion.

How you personally, and your department as a whole respond to the issue of persevering internet neutrality will help preserve our democratic ideals or usher in it's destruction.

Please consider carefully the long term effects of removing the FCC's public protections on this new modern super powerful conduit into the minds and hearts of our people.

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