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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,

We lived in Goldendale WA. Goldendale is in Klickitat County. Most of the land in Klickitat County is farm land, ranch land, State land or Federal land. Goldendale's population is around 3,000. You would classify Klickitat County as a Rural Community. We have few choices for communication providers. We would prefer to keep the few we have. We know that as choices are eliminated, the price for service goes up. We support competition for broadband provision. We think that competition is critical for keeping our rural service available and affordable. Please don't let the big city providers close out our local rural providers. At least the locals will respond to our needs as we need them unlike the big city providers who send out a service tech when they have a minimum of 5 customers to who need service.

Sincerely,

Tim & Anita Furlong