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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,

My name is Derek. I chose to go with another provider other than AT&T or one of the other big companies because, to put it bluntly, I could. Having choice allows for me to chose, for me, the best service. I chose to go with a fiber connection as I previously had access to a DSL connection but wanted more consistent and reliable speeds. I now have that.

Anything that removes competition in a modern service market should be avoided. Competition is what keeps pricing in check and allows services to be better provided. It stimulates creative thinking and promotes exploration into alternative ways of doing things. These are all good things for the American people.

Regards,

Derek Bredl