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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,

Having worked in telecommunications, at a service provider and in technology development, I understand how important this industry has become for the future of American business and consumers. Open competition, and free and unfettered cyber access are the foundations of providing this critical service to ALL Americans.

It is an insult to anyone's intelligence to try and convince them that FEWER service providers, with more control, and the ability to prioritize Internet traffic, is a benefit to the consumer.

Net neutrality is a key cornerstone to promoting competition, incenting the development of technology and commerce, and helping EVERYONE, in particular under served rural and semi-rural subscribers reap the benefits of more choices (spurred by competition; NOT consolidation) and lower prices. Undermining the concepts of net neutrality not only hurts America, and inhibits our ability to compete in today's global marketplace, but it plays directly into the hands of the outside forces attempting to hijack our electoral process and enable the further proliferation of propaganda and fake news.

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