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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please don't stymie competition in the area of broadband. If there is just 1 or 2 providers then the only providers are the big companies and no competition that keeps the costs down. Without competition then higher costs to what follows.

As a senior citizen and having many families members scatter throughout the world. The only way I can keep in contact with them is through the internet. Being on a fixed income I could not afford any kind of increase that would result of having only 1 or 2 providers.

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