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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,

I strongly urge you NOT to grant USTelecom's request to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The trade association's claim that there will be no damage to competition or residential customers is false: there are two other wired Internet providers in my market, Lan Minds and Sonic. I subscribe to Lan Minds' Internet service because they are more affordable and reliable than AT&T and Comcast (been there - done that). I and thousands of other LMI subscribers will be hurt by the higher prices that are sure to result from suppressing competition in this market.

UST is asking the FCC to destroy AT&T and Verizon's competitors for them, instead of allowing market forces to determine who we, the customers, prefer.

USTelecom must not be granted this false filing to the FCC; please hold the line against this move to dominate the market and extort higher prices from Internet users.

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