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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 like to think that America is all about rooting for the underdog, and being an underdog, I am kind of partial to that kind of thinking. Another great thing about America is our smorgasbord of choice. I am so stubborn about my right to choose that for years I did without any kind of a telephone or cable television, simply because the choice was between AT&T and AT&T, or for the TV, Comcast or Comcast. Kind of like the socialist in the park spouting that when he is in charge there will be a chicken in every pot. The lone voice from the rear asks "What if I don't like chicken?" And the socialist replies "You will."

What this convoluted introduction is trying to say is that what you are proposing is to eliminate choice and competition. It does not matter if only one company serving one customer leases the copper in the lines. That one company and one customer deserve to compete. The voices you are listening to, who have the deep pockets to stable the legal teams necessary to write and influence legislation, are the very voices who are insisting I must like chicken.

Instead of propping up these old dogs of industry, why not do what is within your power to support and encourage competition and choice? Competition is good for small guys like me. I use one of the little guys. The service is amazing, I get to speak to a real person who lives and works in the United States, and the revenue generated by this provider stays in the United States. I get a better price, a better product, and I am not continually receiving solicitations and junk mail from them.

The world connects via the internet and over broadband today. I love my phone service and DSL, never have had any problems or outages and will continue with them until your proposed ruling shuts them down. And then, I will go without rather than use the "big" guys, because that will be the only choice you leave me.

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