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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,

For many years now I have opted to patronize my local providers for internet, phone and other connective media. I appreciate the fact that in spite of the near monopoly held by the telecom giants, there still ARE local options where I live.

I am a self-employed freelance artist and small business person (classical musician) and broadband is critical to my work. I oppose any price hikes or any other means of narrowing the competitive field and passing punitive charges onto users. Increasing the cost of internet and telephone is not the way to go. For people like me, it can make a huge difference.

Please ensure that we have real competition for broadband for many years to come.

Thank you,

David Morris