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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 have chosen with a local, competitive provider because that provider has provider better service at a lower cost than the national carriers. My local provider gives great and immediate customer service -- an area in which the national carriers sorely lack and, because of their failure to provide even adequate customer, have provided an opening where local providers have been able to innovate and therefore realize a competitive advantage.

Competitive, hi-value broadband is critical to my business (which I conduct both in the office and at my home): I and my staff need access to documents and internet wherever I am located at the lowest cost for the best available service. My local provider has provided me with that service at an exceptional price were the national carriers could not. My local provider will be providing fiber service at my address -- at a lower cost than my current DSL service. The national carriers would never invest in fiber at the local level at a reasonable price point. Rather, they would prefer to enjoy monopoly pricing on outdated data lines and provide no new investment or innovation.

The FCC will do business owners, such as myself, as well as homeowners everywhere, a grave disservice if it were to take any action, including approving the USTelecom petition, that reduces competition and increases the cost of broadband service.

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