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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 support broadband competition because without competition from local providers, there would be no choice for faster, fiber based internet connectivity. In addition, the idea that a single provider would go unchallenged in a market place insures that innovation in internet provisioning in that market place would decline and stall. As a small business owner who relies on fast and open internet connectivity for doing business, reliance on a single internet provider in my market place would increase my costs.

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