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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,

It would be a big mistake to cater to US telecom request to forbear the unbundling requirements of the telecommunications act of 1996. Competition is one of the foundations of our free market. Without choice, vendors have no motivation for innovation. If AT&T were my only choice, I would have no Internet at all. For a downed phone line that was lying in the road, AT&T took 10 days to take care of it including sending the lineman to the wrong part of the state. And it would've been 13 days had the lineman not taken it upon himself to expedite matters. Please encourage more competition by retaining the requirement for unbundling as embodied in the telecommunications act of 1996.

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