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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,

My name is Dave Hart and I live in Davis, California. It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to eliminate the mandatory access of small or local internet service providers to the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs) system that is still prevalent in many communities across the country. One of the basic cornerstones of America's wealth is its infrastructure. Virtually all of our infrastructure has been purchased and maintained by the public through a combination of taxes or through utility rates. And while we enjoy a high level of development, the process is not complete as new technology becomes available not to mention the neglected maintenance of older technology that we all still depend on.

The mandatory availability of access to the copper line by smaller, regional and local companies has been fertile ground for many exciting developments that benefit the telecom industry as a whole. High quality services at the local level have increased the market for hardware and software and provided new opportunities for the traditional larger national companies. Competition and the maintenance of both the older network and the new developing networks will result in a more robust market that benefits everyone, large and small telecom, large and small consumer, large and small content providers.

Access without penalty is crucial to prevent the ossification of a developing part of our infrastructure which is still in its infancy. Do not eliminate this provision.

Dave Hart