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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 local small ISP is currently building out a fiber network in Oakland. This will be a vital piece of infrastructure in an under-served area and is already in place in some neighborhoods (though not mine yet). Since moving here I've been amazed at the difference between the competitive market here in

Oakland and the monopoly I moved from in New York. I was hooked up faster, at a better price, and with far more responsive customer service. I have no doubt that this is partially due to the real threat that I could move to a competitor service. This was not an option in New York and I suspect that was reflected in the slow hookup, unresponsive customer service, and much higher prices for a slower connection. Legacy providers like AT&T still have the market power to stifle competition and it is the government's role to ensure fair markets particularly in industries like this one where fixed costs are still high but are rapidly declining.

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