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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,

Please do not take action to reduce ability for small companies to provide internet service. I have two homes, one in a rural area and one in the SF Bay Area in a canyon. The rural one has ONLY a radio connection to a nearby mountain with service provided by a small ISP. ATT serves phone lines but no fiber or even DSL. AT&T does not seem to care about rural customers. I have tried satellite service but the lag is too large for my work. For my semi-rural home we have DSL served by a smaller company over phone line leased from AT&T. We had AT&T DSL for some years but had regular outages and very poor responsiveness to problems. We are at the end of the DSL functioning distance and get only 1 Mbps but rely on it working since I need to work from home often.

Competition from non-monster companies is needed for areas ignored by the big companies.

Thanks.

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