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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,

Finally we are getting fiber broadband in our city in 2018. Currently stuck with 2 providers AT&T (DSL) and Comcast (cable), we desperately need competition to be allowed so we can up our game and be competitive on the international scene. Allowing unregulated monopolies to run the basic infrastructure of our society seems a fundamentally bad idea. If we are forced to have dominant monopolies provide services for basic infrastructure they need to be answerable to society and allowing service competition is the capitalistic way of the US to do this.

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