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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,

I am writing out of deep concern after hearing about the USTelecom petition and the disastrous effect it would have on the cost of internet and telephone services. We live in a rural community and depend on broadband. Please protect consumer choice by preserving the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Thank you!

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