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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose a competitive provider for its quality of service and its commitment to consumer privacy.

We need diversity in telecommunications providers, not a monopoly or virtual oligarchy. This goes for both rural and urban consumers. Small local and area vendors who care about our community have just as much of a right to compete as large corporations with aggressive, and even annoying marketing tactics. Some of these even have connections to dirty politics. We have a right to choose NOT to support such organizations.

Quality broadband internet service is crucial to my professional and personal endeavors.

I say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services. The main infrastructure is already in place, and my provider is carrying the cost of the fiber optics connection. Therefore there is NO good reason for cost increases to customers regardless of provider.

Currently, my connection is by fiber optics, although in the past I've been previously connected via DSL. A local service provides both my telephone and internet connections and consistently gives me excellent customer care compared to large-scale providers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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