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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 chose a small competitive provider because I was self-employed for more than 20 years and know how hard it is to compete with big companies. They have a very large advertising budget. They employ high powered lawyers. Many times they say things that just are not true and small companies can't do much if anything to stop them.

Now, I am one of many Senior Citizens, who are on a limited income. We can't afford price hikes that will increase the cost of our vital internet and telephone services.

An affordable broadband is critical where I live because the old dial-up service just takes too long - especially when I am trying to communicate quickly with family and friends.

I am confident that I am not the only one who has these concerns. We are hoping that The FCC will not approve this or any other such merger in the future.

Thank you.

Don Pierre