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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 believe USTelecom has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. They are claiming that residential consumers like myself will not be affected, because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. This is untrue! My provider relies on these protections, and I rely on my local provider to give me better service, at a competitive rate. Without this competition there is nothing but big name monopolistic providers who will keep raising the rates beyond what we can afford. There's really no other options in many places so It's amazing that there's still companies capable of competing in my market. It would be devastating to many individuals like myself and many local businesses to lose the reasonably priced access to broadband that we have available under the current laws.

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