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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,

Us Telecom Assns request to end regulated wholesale access to Unbundled Network Elements paid for through decades of citizen taxes is unwarranted and would , if granted, cause undue financial hardship for a great many internet users and small providers, old and young alike.

Local ISPs have provided basic internet access to the public at reasonable cost to those of us who dont want nor need the beefed up connections that large Telecoms offer at exorbitantly inflated prices. My local ISP has been an excellent small business firm to work with and I hope to be able to continue to support their effort to provide internet access for my community. Theyve given me internet access and telephone service at reasonable and competitive prices. I want the security and stability of having a copper phone line. The business and their employees live locally and contribute to our local tax base. They create employment opportunities and strive to make it possible for everyone to enjoy the benefits of having internet access by giving us real choice in choosing a provider. A monopoly on access is the last thing the people of this country need. Please dont disregard the thousands of small businesses that have created jobs, invested in infrastructure improvements and dedicated years to providing affordable internet access to hundreds of thousands of people who count on them to stay connected. Monopolies are bad for the country and bad for consumer morale.

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