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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 strongly opposed to the recent petition submitted by the US Telecom Association because this petition threatens to eliminate competition by making it impossible for independent carriers to serve its customers.

The independent carriers not only serves rural communities where internet services would otherwise be inaccessible, but also independent carriers provide superior services in the way of personnel responsiveness and efficient resolutions of problems. Customers do not face ever higher fees for having access to this superior quality of service.

There is nothing in this petition, submitted to benefit large corporations like AT&T, that would have equal benefit to the independent carrier, nor to consumers at large who depend on the competitive field of internet providers from which it can make choices that best benefit themselves.

The FCC's rejection of this petition would be consistent with it's responsibility to act in the public's interest.

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