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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,

Having the option for a local, independent internet provider is key to maintaining a building a free and open internet for all at a price that is fair. Independent providers are key to bringing high speed fiber to communities across the country, something we desperately need.

I am a small photography business owner and I work out of my home where fast upload and download speeds are critical for delivering large files to my clients. Having so much control over access to the internet resting in the hands of a few large companies does not serve the community or the marketplace well, and you should do everything in your power to support the important work of these smaller companies.

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