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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,

Stop doing what the big telecom companies tell you to do. You are a government agency, and therefore you work for the people of the United States of America. Deregulation results in massive price hikes that hurt regular Americans like myself.

It will hurt you, too. I'm speaking to the FCC employee reading this comment right now. It will hurt your family and friends. Know anyone who lives in a rural part of America? Much of my family does, and many of them rely on local providers to stay connected to one another.

Deregulation will cut off rural America.

Deregulation kills competition, and is antithesis to the free market system we like to believe makes America great.

The more the FCC and other agencies deregulate, the more America moves from a free market system to crony-ism.

I support broadband competition, and the FCC should, too.

Sincerely,

Erik S.