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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,

High-speed, unthrottled, independent broadband is crucial for an informed, educated society today. Local, independent businesses keep local dollars invested in the local community and are crucial for healthy communities. We are customers of a local, independent internet and telephone company in order to support our local community and receive very high-quality service--but especially to keep our dollars local.

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