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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,

My home city, Everett WA, has established a monopoly on internet providers in the city with the sole provider being Comcast. Without competition, the internet charges are about \$70-\$80/month.

My second home is in Oregon where we have several internet providers. I pay \$31.99/month for the same level of service that Comcast provides in Everett. The difference? The internet provider marketplace has competition in Oregon and no competition in Everett.

Why Comcast in Everett? Simply that they offer the tv stations that we desire, toll free international calling and internet as a package that is cheaper than a broadband/Direct tv package. But if the FCC were to remove the competition, then it would affect both Comcast and Frontier and all the competitive little guys and start ups that keep the industry competitive.

When Ma Bell was disbanded as a monopoly, the public approved the change because it restored a truly competitive environment. The people want and need competition to maintain affordable internet service.

Frankly, everything revolves around internet - right down to the elimination of signage on our highways. If internet becomes a monopoly, then it needs to be provided as a utility with government oversight and funding.

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