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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,

Competitive, reasonably priced internet is critically important to my family--for school, for work, for handling financial matters (including those of my elderly mother). We are increasingly living in an age where everything is done digitally, and anyone who is paying more for internet access or is limited to just one or two carriers is at a severe disadvantage. At our old house, which was rural, we only had access to one provider and very limited speed, and it was much more expensive. This had a major impact on our budget and the ability of our children to do schoolwork, because homework is now more often than not done online, especially in the higher grades. Finally being able to use another provider and have access to DSL was huge for us. Now we have fiber through a local provider, and it means we can actually keep up with technology. Customers in rural areas are at a real disadvantage, and they deserve better internet from local providers at competitive prices.

Everyone needs good internet service without paying a fortune for it. The middle class is already being squeezed. Don't make it more difficult for us. We need local competition and fair pricing. Thank you.

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