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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,

I am a customer of a smaller local broadband and telephone provider but I don't know for how long. They are a good community business, provide local jobs and taxes. Their values also align with mine. But unfortunately I don't know if they will continue to be my ISP.

I currently pay a hefty sum for my internet service but it could be faster and cheaper if I chose and large ISP which stifle competition and engage in questionable consumer practices. Competition in broadband, an essential service, is imperative for a productive business and personal environment.

Now the little regulation that exists is under attack. Please preserve the 1996 telecommunications act.

Please take efforts to increase competition and lower broadband prices.

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