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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 spent years of my life living in a market where there was no competition for broadband services. Comcast had a local monopoly, and I had to recourse but to overpay for slower than advertised speeds with poor customer service. I was thrilled when I moved to an area with multiple providers competing in the marketplace. I now get my high speed internet service through a different provider. I pay less, get better speeds and get better customer service than I ever did with Comcast. Competition is good for the consumer.

As part of my job I provide mental health services over the internet. Providing high quality service requires a fast, reliable internet connection. Having access to such a connection at a competitive rate allows me to provide these services to clients that might not be able to come in for a regular session in the office.

Making it easier for telecom giants to crush competition isn't just bad for the consumer, it's anti-American. Do the right thing and support local competition.

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