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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,

Since the beginnings of Internet availability in our community, I have chosen small, competitive providers whenever available, for two reasons: they generally provide more attention to us, so we get better service; and even if all things are equal, keeping smaller businesses alive ensures competition among providers. In our economy, competition is the only thing that keeps prices from rising astronomically. It is, in fact, the backbone of our economic system. Monopoly takeover of any service or product serves only one purpose: allows the monopolist to raise prices, unchecked. Do not allow this!

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