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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,

Broadband competition is vital for all consumers--individuals like myself as well as businesses. Internet access and telephone service is not a luxury but a necessity and vital to live and participate in today's and tomorrow's world.

The giant telecommunication companies ignore rural communities where they obviously have found it too troublesome to provide service. Race Communications saw the need and a market to provide fiber optic telephone and Internet for reliable and efficient service to my community, Occidental, in West Sonoma County, as well as other overlooked areas in California.

It is unfathomable to think that the FCC would consider preventing competitive carriers to provide service at a reasonable cost to underserved communities. Please do not allow giant telecommunication companies to increase the costs and cut off competition.

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