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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,

Competition from local, accessible internet providers is vital for providing a high-quality and affordable alternative to the nearly monopolistic corporations that dominate the market and (I am sad to believe) also have overwhelming influence on the regulatory agencies.

I realize that the large corporations (e.g. AT&T) will be able to construct their compelling argument that could misrepresent the "real life" situation for consumers, and thus mislead a regulator into a vote that would in the long run cause financial and service harm to consumers.

My small letter is unlikely to carry sway, yet I hope that whoever reads this could take a moment to reflect on the extensive power of corporate influence on "findings".

If you are concerned about harm (by not imposing the changes that large corporate champion): Consider that less harm is done by allowing competition. More upside to allowing the existing competition to grow rather than conceding to the powerful influence of a large corporation.

My internet/phone bill has been substantially reduced and service has been substantially improved by using a smaller company. On the rare times I've needed to call them, their service has been truly remarkable.

Thank you for taking the time to read my note.

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