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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,

Do not end the open access requirement for DSL connections of ILECs such as AT&T. This would be the straw that turns the United States into a 3rd world country for network access.

I currently depend on this requirement for quality DSL service. Without this capability I will either need to pay for expensive wireless service (if it's still available, which may not be the case with increased demand), use miserable (6Mbps) and expensive DSL service with horrible support from the local ILEC, or move to a satellite provider. The same would be true of my parents who live in rural northern California.

The purpose of the FCC is to ensure the United States is at least in the running to provide 21st century-caliber networking services. This action would put us on par with the 3rd world.

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