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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Every time the federal government approves of some law or some merger that reduces competition it always favors the business over the consumer. This invariably always leads to ridiculously priced services. The most relevant example here is cable TV. Most Americans I know say the same thing: \$100 month to get the 6-7 channels I actually watch along with 40 other channels of crap?! Why exactly the FCC, with its less than stellar track record, would be entertaining more new rules and price hikes that might reduce competition should be a mystery to me. Except its not because the FCC can't seem to help itself. It seems to prefer to create revisions to laws just for the sake of looking like its doing something relevant.

The Internet has become a ubiquitous part of the American life and access to it should remain as competitive as possible. This has worked well for high speed access for 20+ years starting with cable and early DSL back in the late 90's. The 1996 Telecommunications Act isn't perfect. No law is but the FCC's bungling will only make things worse. FCC - leave it alone!

I work in IT and I've seen some members of my industry attempt to make arguments for the FCC's relevancy past the Age of Telephone or try to justify some of the things it has done over the past 25 years. Some are of the arguments are even half-way compelling but they always fall short. It is why almost everyone in my industry treats the mere mention of the FCC the derision and contempt it deserves. FCC, try focusing your efforts where they need to be like enforcing IPv6 availability, tackling the problem with CA monopolies, or helping the rest of the government modernize and get past the era of the SSN.

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