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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,

Many politicians label themselves as "pro-business". Too often, I think that translates into "big business". The kind that has political clout and discretionary income for lobbying. It seems competition, once touted as necessary and virtuous, has become a quaint anachronism, and even an obstacle on the road map of the largest corporations. As a consumer, I want to be able to choose to be a customer of smaller, local businesses. If they disappear, that option is not available to me.

Please support small businesses by allowing them to have access to a monopolized resource. Otherwise, how can they compete?

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
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