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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,

I believe deeply in the value of competition between broadband internet service providers. I myself have been negatively affected by the lack of choices in my area before. It isn't right. I believe citizens should have more than 1 choice of companies to choose from, and CERTAINLY there should be choices from smaller corporate providers. I don't believe we should stack the cards in such a way as smaller companies would not realistically be capable of competing.

Access to the world wide web is now a basic necessity of modern living, and the last thing we need is a monopoly on access to this service.

I now am with a smaller local provider that gives me better options for my area, and I believe this is the better way for me as a citizen and a consumer.

Thank you

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