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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,

The service we get from our local broadband provider is something I am absolutely NOT willing to give up. My business is in a rural area, and the rates the big box company quoted me was not only overpriced but their service quality is questionable. I am in an area they don't deem profitable enough to invest any effort into. The local providers are able to cater to rural areas, provide local jobs, and help boost the expansion of local businesses in rural areas they otherwise wouldn't be able to operate in (many businesses can't function without a quality, reliable broadband connection). Local providers are in a position to expand service into areas the big company's simply don't wish to. I do not want to be left out of service options simply because the big company doesn't find my area profitable enough. Well, there is plenty of profit in our area for the local companies. Please don't kill off this much needed, job-creating, economy boosting, infostructure building industry and leave it open to the whims of the monopolies.

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