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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 am a customer of an internet service provider who depends on access to the copper lines of AT&T as the terminal part of their network. I chose this provider because they support network neutrality and protect my privacy by not sharing personal data with others for commercial purposes. They also provide much better rates than the competing large providers are offering in my area.

I do not yet have full broadband or fiber service where I live and it is presumptive of the more privileged large scale providers to attempt to ignore that critical interface.

I want to see a competitive marketplace supported and maintained, as competition is the best way to ensure both continuing improvements in the quality of services available and to prevent price gouging when monopolies take over services.

As a government agency charged with not only regulating providers, but looking after the interests of all citizens, I expect you to promote and maintain a competitive environment in all fields of telecommunications. Doing anything less is, in my evaluation, nothing less than a breach of the responsibilities entrusted to your agency.

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