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**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 73 year old woman. I've certainly seen a lot of changes in my life time. Some have not been so economically healthy for the likes of me. The worst, perhaps, is the continual pressure of large corporations to become larger and play the edge of monopolizing and/or fixing prices through manipulating government. These actions are contrary to the spirit of our nation that was founded on the spirit of free enterprise of the small businessmen and women.

I chose a competitive provider because I believe in supporting small businesses where ever I can and preferably local ones. I also am on a small retirement income. Price hikes imposed by corporations as they vie for profit margins would for me and the hundreds of thousands like me may very well leave us seriously disconnected to family and to the world. For some it will lead to choices between nutritional food and important connection to the outside world.

Competitive providers do exist and need to have access to UNE and other services at reasonable costs. I want competitive telephone and broadband rates. I want to be able to SKYPE my family and relatives who live throughout this country, to see their faces and hear their voices. Don't you?

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