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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,

Big businesses do not allows serve small communities or rural areas the best .... please help us keep smaller companies who are more actively serving smaller population areas. ... esp in the internet and telephone services area.

Costs with the big names like ATT, Verizon, Charter/Spectrum, DISH, DirecTV -- are totally sky "high" already and will go up more - if something isn't done - like encouraging small companies to compete for providing services.

I have an 86-year old client with a limited income who is paying \$60 for her internet to get a home phone and additionally for her TV service (so she can watch the news) for another \$45. That's already a huge chunk out of limited funds.

Another small business is paying \$152.03/mo for internet/phone.

My daughter with 3 girls of her own that she's trying to get through school is paying \$400/mo for phones, connectivity and peace of mind knowing the girls are OK (yes, part is for monthly payments on those phones) ...

Costs for communication are HIGH ... and a much bigger chunk out of monthly incomes than they should be.

Keeping competition alive will not solve the problem but it might help keep costs down and services available to those who need it.

Please help.

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