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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 writing in opposition to the recent petition by USTelecom for forbearance from section 251(c) (3) of the 1996 telecommunications act. I am a long time customer of a regional ISP (a UNE). I chose to remain one because they provide excellent customer service and competitive speeds at a reasonable price. I like my service provider so much better than any alternative that I recently upgraded to their new fiber to the home service. I oppose in the strongest possible terms any changes to rules or enforcement that will expand the veritable monopolies enjoyed by major carriers and stifle healthy competition in the marketplace. Once again I currently receive my home internet, voice and media via an independent, local ISP, and wish to continue to do so.

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