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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 appalled by the brazen attempt by the U.S Telecom Association to limit access to copper lines and spare fiber networking by independent internet providers. This is clearly an attempt eliminate fair and honest competition within the internet provider industry and thereby allow the very large and major internet providers to monopolize internet traffic and networking. This audacious maneuver runs contrary to the principle of unfettered competition in the market which has been the motor which drives creative, innovative and just economic growth.

Small communities, many of them rural, across the country depend on reliable state of the art local internet providers for access to the world wide web. Unfairly targeting such providers by attempting to limit their access to technologies which allow them to better serve these communities is a cruel prejudicial attack at the american heartland.

I urge the FCC to reject the petition by the U.S Telecom Association and, by so doing, uphold and defend true democracy for internet access for all.

Sincerely,

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