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Federal Communications Commission
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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 live in a rural community where we had only dial up connection to the internet until five years ago. Our ISP is Gorge Net, a small local company. They have been most helpful during our connection with them. The tech support they provide has been excellent and they have been honest and transparent about their fees. When broadband became available to us, we had a choice between Century Link and Gorge Net. Of course, we investigated both providers and feel that Gorge Net was the more forthcoming regarding fees and service. Century Link seemed to be more evasive as to fees and service. So we chose to stay with Gorge Net. We have not been sorry - they have continued to be helpful and reliable.

We have only one choice for telephone service - Century Link. Of course we have cell service but living in a mountainous area where connectivity is sometimes iffy - we also rely on our land line. Broadband is essential for our connection to the world outside our mountain home - for family and business. I say a loud NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

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