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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,

As a pre-med student who is self-employed, affordable, fast and reliable internet is an ABSOLUTE MUST.

In the past, I have used the internet services from satellite, cable and telephone providers and they have always jacked my rates around, not provided consistent service, nor have been all that fast.

A couple of years ago I heard about a new, local internet service that was moving into SF at a glacial pace. They offered fiber optic speed and reliability and fantastic service, all for the same price as the big boys.

Well, the provider FINALLY reached my neighborhood last year, and I honestly couldn't be happier! This service would not have been possible, my business would not have been possible, my EDUCATION would not be possible without having the small competitive local provider that I do.

Small companies, local providers, and competition are absolutely VITAL to providing better products and services.

I urge you to vote NO on measures to deregulate the telecom industry.

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