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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 consumer and soon to be rural consumer it is vital to have internet services for work, and social activities. Broadband by way of existing telephone lines is the only option in some rural areas. Monopolies are bad for the consumer and do nothing but pad the bank accounts of the companies that have complete control. We need multiple options to keep consumer costs reasonable. I have already experienced an increase in my phone service that was implemented immediately after the AT&T merger and with no change in service!

I oppose the USTelecom petition.

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