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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 a customer of a local internet service provider and deeply value competitive markets with multiple providers.

Monopolies or even limited choice markets are inherently un-American and bad for consumers like me. It's very important that we allow smaller local providers access to wires. For example, my phone service is provided by a budget local provider.

Internet service is absolutely critical for my income, family contact, and personal entertainment. This is not a luxury that I can skip if prices rise due to a noncompetitive market.

My wife and I would very much like to move to optical fiber, but have held off because the only providers are major corporations. We are waiting for our local provider to finish the work they need to do to provide the service.

We'd even be willing to pay a bit more at first, knowing that multiple providers will ensure prices stay low in the long run.

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