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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 have been using an independent ISP for over 15 years and have had incredible broadband service that is critical to my business. It is important that we maintain competition and not let the large service providers gain an unfair advantage over smaller, independent carriers. For this reason, I oppose the USTelecom petition that would cause independent carriers across the country to lose access to critical network elements and consumers, like myself, could lose their choice of providers. If the petition passes, it will eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines and to use fiber to connect their networks around the state. That would impair independent carriers the ability to deploy new gigabit fiber service which will create an unfair advantage for the larger carriers thus eliminating competition and forcing me to go with a larger carrier at whatever terms they decide to impose on me. My business needs the best service possible and the current independent ISP that I have been using without a hitch for over 15 years is in peril of losing their competitive advantage to the big boys.

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