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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,

Please serve the needs of average citizens and everyday consumers by maintaining and protecting key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that enable small carriers to utilize UNEs and compete in the marketplace. We all know that competition benefits everyone, as it catalyzes innovation, keeps prices lower, and enhances service. I have been a customer of a small carrier for a number of years now, and have been continually pleased by their excellent services and low prices. Recently, I spoke with someone new to this area who was complaining about the wretched service she was receiving from one of the major telecommunication companies operating in our area. I encouraged her to consider switching to my carrier (Sonic) and was able to compare the service I have always received with the poor customer service she was receiving from her major carrier.

You have a responsibility to serve the public needs. Allowing the giant telecommunications companies to gain even more advantages, which they will use to enrich themselves and not serve their customers or the public good, benefits no one. Live up to your responsibilities and stop this new effort by the existing telecommunications giants to monopolize this industry.

Sincerely,

Carla Kincaid-Yoshikawa