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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 support broadband competition, and urge you to NOT dismantle the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I will directly, and materially be adversely impacted if unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements were reduced or removed for use by competitive service providers.

I live in the heart of Silicon Valley, where many of today's networking technologies have been invented, and also where new communications technologies take form. Yet I am drastically limited in my current choices of service providers. The primary incumbents, AT&T and Comcast are unable to provide cost-effective services. I rely on an alternative carrier, Sonic for both my broadband internet service and telephone service. Without the competition, my prices would increase dramatically, at no improvement in service.

Furthermore, due to constraints on wireless build out, and less than comprehensive coverage throughout the area, broadband (wired and fiber) access is the only way that I can reliably receive internet service. This service is critical to my personal use and also to my ability to provide 24x7 support for my employer and it's business. I use the service for education, training, research, and most importantly, for telework and remote monitoring and management of a \$20M business network infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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