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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 need to have a competitive provider. I don't want to feel I have to have one of the Mega providers. I like dealing with local people who are easy to talk with and they should continue to be able to grow their business. Please, as a senior citizen the price hikes are really taking a toll on my budget for the internet and land line telephone services.

Broadband is critical to this community in Santa Rosa, California. I have Sonic.net's fusion phone service and my internet service as well...and I know I can count on them when I need to call them. Please let's have more competition and not have just the big guys, or as I call them Mega providers who raise their prices constantly. And, by the way, I know the big guys also penalize those of us who do not bundle all services...Competition is the key to keeping the prices affordable, so please, please don't kill the competition!

I used to have AT&T phone, and I prefer the smaller company, Fusion with Sonic....

Please listen to me and others like me.

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