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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a competitive provider for my landline service.

Landline service is a vital safety net in earthquake country, where cellular phone service may be down for hours or days after a big quake.

My provider, Sonic, offers services not available through our local "Baby Bell" at a lower price. Competition is the American way - it keeps prices fair and drives service quality - when there is no other option monopoly service providers choose profits over service and innovation every time.

Thanks

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