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Federal Communications Commission
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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,

As a residential customer dependent on a reliable internet connection I am continuously evaluating the quality and price point of the providers available to me. High-speed internet access is critical to my family and to my business - as an independent contractor I work out of my home office.

For home phone service my set of available providers is quite limited, and for high speed internet access it is severely limited. We used to subscribe to AT&T for phone service, and a (now defunct) ISP for DSL service. Neither of these were satisfactory - they were expensive and slow. We switched to Sonic because (1) their services were superior (faster internet, better privacy protection at a lower price) and (2) their customer orientation was superior.

Having dealt with AT&T and Sonic both for fiber installations, we shudder at the idea of being limited to one provider, AT&T. Even in the face of competition, AT&T provides shoddy service and expensive products.

Removing competition would unleash AT&T's monopolistic tendencies, and likely result in higher prices and worse service.

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