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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 am a consumer strongly against any petition that could possibly limit my selection of 'broadband' internet providers.

I once used a large well known internet provider. I constantly felt pressured by them to upgrade my service - and despite continuing with the service I already had with them, the price for service kept going up.
(I could not afford them!!!).

Currently I am using Sonic, a broadband internet service provider I switched to, and am very pleased with - which also includes my landline phone service (Yes, I still use a landline).

Everything is linked to the internet these days. As you know, postage prices are ridiculous. Some utilities companies charge less if you sign up online using auto-pay. Vendors charge consumers 'less' if you order or pay online - and for some vendors, the only option is to pay online. How am I suppose to keep up with this world if I can not afford an internet service?

(I do not want to be stuck with just a couple big name providers to choose from).
Any petition that might prevent me from choosing an optional affordable broadband internet service provider is a big mistake.

I can't be the only person that feels this way.

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