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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,

all know that competition is the key to keeping capitalism healthy.

My local broadband provider, Sonic, has brought fiber connections to our entire neighborhood and is loved by all my neighbors. Not only is the speed a great boost to the community as a whole, but the price competition keeps big providers - with their slow and archaic services - in check by keeping pricing pressure on them and helping to raise the level of service overall, making them up their game to compete.

This is good for everyone!

We do not want price hikes and want fair and honest competition. These smaller, local broadband providers are helping not only power families, libraries and schools, but they are supporting local small businesses as well with affordable and reliable internet.

I previously had DSL and Cable and both services were terrible compared to the broadband access I have with my Sonic fiber connection. I can't imagine living without it.

If you truly are regulating to support everyday Americans, you won't allow the dismantling of key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as proposed by USTelecom.

Support your local communities, support the internet itself! Reject the USTelecom petition immediately!

Regards,

Shannon Rice