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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,

The telecom industry is too top-heavy and the market needs to be more open to new competitors. I live in the Bay Area, one of the most urban and tech savvy areas of the country, and only have access to two options for internet providers! They are Verizon and Sonic. When Verizon started to add random fees to my service and the standard copper line quality deteriorated, I was very lucky to have a local provider (Sonic) available to have some competition and provide fiber internet for \$40/month. Sonics business model depends on unbundled copper and inter city fiber transport to stay competitive. Please do everything you can to level the playing field so we don't get pigeon holed into a non competitive market and fall far behind other countries in the tech sector.

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