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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 use a competitive provider (Sonic) in my home due to the much lower speed provided by major telecoms in my area. In addition, reliability of the connections through the majors has been problematic at best. Their call centers are not local, and in many cases not even in the US. After being disconnected multiple times, yelled at and simply ignored, I moved to a faster, cheaper, more reliable local provider.

I'm a hybrid worker, teaching at a local college, but doing my student connected work over the internet. A reliable connection is vital to my ability to perform my job. My current provider (Sonic) provides this for me at a lower price than the major providers, with greater reliability and service.

I do not have access to fiber due to local city issues (underground utilities, city will not approve micro-trenching). I have neighbors nearby with above ground utilities who have access to fiber. If I had access to fiber, I would move to it immediately, especially if I could do so with Sonic.

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