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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 working class citizen on a tight budget whose internet and "landline" telephone service at home is provided by a local broadband DSL provider. My budget is extremely tight partly as a result of the 2008 collapse. Although I'm lucky to still be working, wage stagnation and skyrocketing rents have caused me to set more careful priorities than before. I chose my broadband/voice provider (sonic.net) because their prices are much lower than what the large carriers charge, and their service is much better. I believe this is exactly due to competition and the alternative they offer. It's myth that everyone uses cable. DSL is critical to keeping affordable internet access available to average Americans. I would personally be "materially affected" if you grant the petition by US Telecom and other incumbent providers to limit competition. Reducing broadband competition would definitely increase the cost of my internet and telephone services and might, depending on circumstances, cause me to not be able to afford internet or home telephone service at all. America thrives on competition. Cartels and private monopolies do not best serve us. PLEASE do not grant the petition to limit broadband competition. Its claims are incorrect. Many Americans rely on DSL broadband to access the internet affordably and to maintain "landline" phone services. Reducing competition would affect us substantially.

Thank you.

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