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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,

We oppose the petition by the US Telecom Association to the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act because this will reduce competition and raise prices.

Our family relies on the internet and phone services provided by the independent carrier Sonic. We recently switched to Sonic because they are deploying fiber in our city and provided faster internet and phone service at a reduced price compared to AT&T and Comcast.

We support the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines, and to use fiber to connect their networks around the state because this will increase competition and help bring fast affordable internet and telecom to all.

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