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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,

If the key advantage of capitalism is business competition to improve service and drive down prices, what is the rationale for limiting business competition in internet and phone services?

I live in the San Francisco Bay Area and rely heavily on the DSL services provided by a local small-business ISP company, Sonic.net. Sonic's DSL includes BOTH phone and high-speed internet at a price far below that of big corporate providers like COMCAST or AT&T. The phone services is also a copper-based landline, important in the Bay Area in case of a major earthquake that might knock out cell service. It is the main reason I have stayed with DSL instead of switching to fiber.

Sonic's phone service also saved me \$700/year over my previous basic phone service with AT&T. AT&T also charged extra for important services such as caller ID, 3-way calling, and international calling, which added hundreds of dollars more to my phone service. Sonic throws all these in for free with the basic phone service. With a son now living in Canada, I certainly do not want to go back to the exorbitant international call prices of a corporation like AT&T.

The FCC was originally set up to ensure the public at large had low-cost access to the airwaves and to prevent monopolies from controlling communications. This is antithetical to a democracy. The FCC should not retreat from this historic mandate.

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