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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,

Broadband connection is critical to my home, my connection to my community and life services. There is no fiber to my house, I still must rely on copper lines. Please do NOT believe the lies that residential customers will not be materially impacted by USTelecom claims. I for one will be significantly impacted!

For many years now I have had consistent reliable service for internet and telephone from my local provider Sonic.net. I understand why USTelecom would like to disable and eliminate local providers, but we desperately need provider competition.

I am semi-retired, at the baby-boomer age approaching health issues and various issues surrounding the aging process. Technology is increasingly critical to my well-being. Please say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of my internet and telephone services. Say NO to uncaring service providers who do not care about local needs. I had those providers years ago and they did not care about my service and were difficult to work with. My local/regional provider is quite opposite.

Thank you for considering ALL Americans.

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