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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 small business owner working from home. My wife works both her corporate job and runs her own small business from home. We both rely on our internet connection for work and personal use.

We encourage you to support broadband competition. A competitive market ensures that we will have access to better prices, better services, and more innovation.

When we were stuck with AT&T, they would not do anything to increase our speed. They blamed it on the distance from their office -- even though we were in a densely populated area of well-off people. Then Sonic.net came along, and leased the same from lines AT&T to us. Our speed went up over 50% instantly. Sonic.net eventually brought fiber internet to our neighborhood; not AT&T.

We cannot trust the giant companies to do the right thing. It is imperative that we establish and maintain net neutrality.

Thank you,

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