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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 SUPPORT BROADBAND COMPETITION!

I am a residential user of WiFi and the internet (fiber) and I use a provider, Sonic, that is competitive with US Telecom members. I contract with an independent provider because I believe in competition, and because I receive personal service at a reasonable cost. I also believe my communications are more secure with this provider.

I also have 2 landlines which use physical equipment provided by AT&T, but whose service are with this same competitive company.

When there are issues with either the internet/WiFi or phone service, I am able to contact a live person who provides information very quickly, and is able either to schedule repair or give me information so I can manage the issue myself. As I am 76, I did not grow up with the internet, and I can use the extra guidance!

It's pretty obvious that without competition, prices go up. The internet is now essential for everyday communication, including news and education as well as business. Consumers need the price protection that competition provides.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE PROTECTIONS OF THE 1996 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Callaway