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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,

Local broadband competition is critical to a healthy market and consumer protection and choice.

My own experience was as a captive monopoly customer of Comcast cable internet -- high prices and bad service - until Sonic, a local provider, came in and offered gigabit over AT&T fiber for 30% cheaper. It is almost life changing -- better product, better service, less cost, and I approve of their politics and privacy protections much more than AT&T or Comcast.

I support broadband competition. Broadband is a utility nearly as necessary as electricity and water, and it is a key economic driver for our new economy. Choice and competition are crucial.

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