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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 use a competitive Internet provider (Sonic) because the incumbent (AT&T) is overpriced, has atrocious customer support and refuses to update local infrastructure in Hawthorne, CA and most of Los Angeles county.

Broadband Internet access is vitally important to us residential customers for news sources and especially online purchasing - local physical stores have drastically reduced selection and quality in the last twenty years.

My ISP requires continued access to outside copper plant owned but poorly maintained by AT&T.

Maintain local ISP competition and service - reject the phony US Telecom petition!

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