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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,

We need a competitive marketplace in all businesses. Monopolies create a stagnant, price-gouging environment and that is un-American.

I have only one provider that I can use for my country property and am at the mercy of their rate hikes and slow speeds. I have no other choice so I have to endure it. Believe me, if I had a choice Comcast would be GONE!

At my business location I had choices and went with Sonic. I have been extremely happy with their speeds, customer service and competitive pricing. If I had the choice at home, I would go with Sonic as well, but, alas, that isn't available to me.

Without broadband, I cannot survive. My children can't do their homework, I cannot stream my shows/movies, I cannot complete my work at my business.

Forward progress means more choices and competition, not a shrinking pool of providers. DO NOT ALLOW AT&T (or any of the larger companies) squelch their competition. If they had a superior product, there should be now worries about customer retention.

Make companies up their customer service not squelch competition.

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