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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,

From the very start of the era of competition ushered in by the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the incumbents have done everything they could to thwart local competitive startups. Don't continue let them get away with it.

In my area, the choice are AT&T, for POTS and DSL over basic copper and awful customer service; Comcast for faster internet speed, no POTS, and if possible even worse customer service; and Sonic.net, for fiber if you're lucky enough to live in a neighborhood where they've been able to string cable and AT&T copper if you're not, but excellent customer service.

AT&T is definitely not investing in upgrading their infrastructure, but Sonic is. Do everything you can to allow a local provider like Sonic to succeed, and to allow that competition to force the incumbents to wake up and respond by lowering their prices and upgrading their broadband service (though I hold out no hope for their customer service).

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