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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 chose a competitive provider (Sonic) because their service is better, and cheaper, and because when I call I get a real (and local) person on the phone, quickly. They are always knowledgeable and helpful.

I am on DSL today, but will be on fiber next month, because my carrier went to the effort to provide fiber to my home and neighborhood. Neither AT&T nor Comcast ever did that, despite years (decades) head start. Why is that? And yet they charge more.

As far as I can tell, two or three corporations control internet access for all Americans. Call it what you want, but that is the type of market control that is bad for competition, bad for innovation, and bad for the consumer. You know, un-American.

I am an American and I support broadband competition.

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