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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,

With few internet providers available, even living in an urban area, I have only a few choices. One by one, I tried all the major companies and had various problems with them. Then I tried Sonic, who I believe currently rents lines from AT&T but offers competitive prices, GREAT customer service, and doesn't saddle it all with piles of junk mail and unsolicited telephone calls (which we still receive from previous providers.) The field of internet providers needs MORE competitors, not fewer. Reliable and affordable internet is critical to our home business and my daughters' school work. Using an independent provider also allowed us to affordably retain our landline. Every time big telecom has been deregulated, it has been bad for America. I'm old enough to know this, but young enough for fast, reliable internet to be important to my life.  
thank you,

Josephine Burns