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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,

High speed network access is critical to productivity and participation in our society. In too many areas, there are still regional monopolies or duopolies leaving customers with poor service and high cost that climb at an unbounded rate.

In my neighborhood in the San Francisco Bay Area, for example, there is no reliable cellular service, which means I'm stuck with Comcast and AT&T, both of which charge a huge premium if you don't bundle internet service with at least one other of their services. Both companies also have abysmal consumer satisfaction ratings.

Fortunately, for telephone service, I was able to drop AT&T (after it reabsorbed Pacbell) in favor of Sonic, but that is only possible because of the rules that require AT&T to share its lines with competitors. These kinds of rules are now at risk, which will eliminate the only viable competition for my Silicon Valley neighborhood.

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