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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 am a 78 yr.-old woman who needs to keep a landline for emergencies. If I were to fall not within reach of a phone (I do have cellular service as well as landline) then I can ask my Amazon EchoAlexato call my neighbor or get help. Alexas intervention requires the landline.

I have both Internet and landline phone service with Sonic.net. Their customer service is exemplary, their Internet service embraces net neutrality, and my phone service is not hampered by robocalls. I want to keep it that way. Also, smaller and start-up telecommunication services are needed to maintain market competition and keep prices from going up, which is what happens when competition is reduced or eliminated.

I expect that in the future that my copper wire connection will be replaced by fiber optic cable. Meanwhile, those of us who rely on landline service should not have to be faced with finding an alternative.

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