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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 husband, a father of 3, a Therapist working in a local hospital, and a provider for my family. I do not need to remind you that the cost of living and caring for a family is significant for the majority of us. We also depend on affordable internet access to function for information access, communication with family and business, and entertainment. If you proceed to limit competition, you will ultimately limit our access financially to these things we use every day to function and contribute to our community. We use a local Broadband supplier, Sonic, because they provide excellent service, they are affordable for us, and they are upfront with costs and services.

Surely you have experienced or know someone who has dealt with a national supplier like AT&T or Comcast, who raise their prices once you are in the system, but when called out at renewal time, drop the prices back down after threat of changing service. We recently discovered that my 85 year old mother who still lives alone and independently was paying Comcast \$500 a month for her cable service so she can watch tennis. Of course when we contacted Comcast regarding this, they reviewed her situation and reduced the obligation significantly, but what if we had not checked? What if this were your Mom? Would you trust a company that functions like that?

I don't. Please preserve fair access and competition that supports service and value to all who are working hard to be independent and contributors to society in this great nation we are blessed to live in. Thank you for your consideration.

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