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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 retired consumer who has subscribed to a competitive, local internet and telephone provider, Sonic. I have done so because I need an inexpensive and reliable internet and telephone service. I know that if local providers do not have access to the necessary broadband, they can no longer provide these services to their customers. If only large corporations like AT&T can afford it, the less expensive services will no longer be available to those of us who rely on local, competitive companies.

We recently lost 2 local TV stations in San Francisco for similar reasons. Those stations provided free programming to consumers who love older TV programs, not just because they are older viewers, but also because so many of those programs are superior to contemporary programming. Congress mandated that broadcast channels be available free to all TV viewers. One such station, San Francisco's KOFY-TV, relinquished its broadcast spectrum in an arrangement with the FCC. It changed its broadcast signal location, making it inaccessible to many San Franciscans who don't have cable, etc. and enjoy watching older broadcast shows. The action is part of a NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE to clear broadcast bandwidth for SALE to the wireless industry, with the FCC acting as middleman & re-sellers of the spectrum. The buyers of the spectrum are internet providers and mobile wireless operators who require more bandwidth to operate - and charge viewers for their services.

PLEASE, PLEASE do not do the same thing to the local, independent, competitive providers of internet and telephone service, such as Sonic.

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