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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 write as the owner/manager of a small family-owned stock film and video footage business in San Francisco. While we serve customers in all industries who seek historical film, we also make lower-resolution copies of our footage available through the nonprofit Internet Archive to all wishing access to our collections. Free users include educators and students at all levels, government agencies; faith-based and church groups, nonprofit and public media producers, genealogists and members of the general public.

To survive in the highly competitive stock footage business, we need fast and reliable broadband service so that we can deliver materials to clients quickly, reliably and at low cost. We are fortunate to be served by Sonic, a competitive broadband provider. Large broadband providers in our market (specifically AT&T and Comcast Xfinity) offer substandard service at much higher prices. We analyzed their offerings and found that they add on substantial charges for customers using as much bandwidth as we do, and offer much lower bandwidth than the gigabit we get from Sonic. No other providers offer fully symmetric service -- in other words, we can use our full bandwidth to upload or download. This is critical to our maintaining a successful business.

The health of our business would suffer greatly if we lost our competitive broadband service. I urge the Commission to keep the needs of small businesses in mind and to remember that our particular needs are not well served by the large national Internet providers.

With thanks for your attention, and all best.

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