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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 have chosen a competitive provider (Sonic) because after looking over all the options for a combined phone and internet service, they had the best price for the internet service as well as the best customer support team. I am the owner/operator of a small business and we rely on internet for the backbone of our operation, so I do not take this issue lightly. Competition in this market and supporting (not crushing) the ability of innovative smaller providers to make offerings in the market is absolutely critical and part of the American way of enabling competition to bring the best products and services to consumers at the most affordable prices.

Owner, BookTree LLC

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