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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 homeowner in Berkeley, CA and my family has benefited from high speed network access - we use it for telephone communication, 24/7 access to my employment as a computer professional at the University of California, access to my wife's business website hosted in the cloud, etc. It is an essential part of our lives - a means to communicate with family, friends, community and beyond. We support the need for fair competition and diversity of providers of these broadband network services. The FCC needs to protect these choices for security-through-diversity and to keep costs down and to encourage innovation and progress.

We oppose the petition by US Telecom (on behalf of AT&T and other incumbent copper infrastructure owners) because it hampers the ability of other companies to implement and transition to new services, such as the fiber optic Gigabit network service we recently added hosted by LMI.net/Sonic. We feel this petition is anti-competetive would result in higher costs and fewer choices for these basic needs of the 21st century.

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