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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,

We live in a rural area of Cotati, Sonoma Co., California.
There is no fiber in our area. We have slow DSL over copper wires.
We are Sonic customers because after many years with ATT DSL, ATT informed us they were discontinuing our DSL service,
They would continue to provide DSL at the upgraded fiber rate!!! Such a deal.
Well we heard about Sonic and gave them a call. We got DSL, better service , more landline options for less than we were paying ATT... and remember they were forcing us to move up to the premium UVerse rate even though the service wasn't available to our area and no idea when or if ever it would be available.
Competition definitely is saving us money and I feel ATT was trying to take advantage of our situation.
It seemed like every day I would get EMail, Postal Mail or Phone solicitation from ATT for UVerse fiber service when it wasn't even available to us... Then finally they just threatened to stop service unless we paid the up charge.
After we switched to Sonic we never got another solicitation from ATT.

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