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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,

As a retired person on a fixed income, I must constantly compare costs of various services that are indispensable for life in the 21st century. It seems like every two years, I have to shop for a more affordable price because most promotional offers last two years, then the price increases dramatically. It is unconscionable that we should have to spend 10% of our Social Security benefits on television, telephone, and internet. If there were more competition in the marketplace, prices would be lowered.

For example in France, one can subscribe to have television, telephone, and high-speed DSL for less than \$60 per month, with fiber, like Sonic, costing only \$20 more. There are at least 4 - 5 different providers. So, obviously competition makes for more affordable prices. The big corporations like Comcast and AT&T have powerful lobbying in their favor, but the FCC should be our lobby, the lobby for the average American.

I have chosen Sonic for reliable and fast Fiber optic internet and telephone service because their prices are affordable and service is excellent. I can't say the same for our television provider since their promotional price just terminated. Obviously they can operate on those promotional prices, so their competitiveness is only temporary.

Thanks for listening.

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