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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,

The FCC has become quite sullied in recent times. Don't add insult to injury. I support my local broadband companies including Sonic and LMI. I will be getting fiber this month due to their initiatives. I have and enjoy competitive telephone service through Sonic. I want competition in this market and urge the FCC to represent consumer's interests by denying the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association.

We are watching.

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