

Ken Kelleher
910 MERICREST STREET
BRENTWOOD CA 94513

Aug 30th 2018

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,

At 54 years of age, with two young adult children at college, both living at home with my wife & I, I am the first to acknowledge we are living in a very different time to when I grew up & visited the library if I needed information.

I accept technology continues to accelerate our access to information for the benefit of mankind & drives the economy.

America continues to innovate in this space, however one could argue that it may have lost its place as THE recognized leader, to competition from overseas.

I beleive that fair trade is good for consumers & for America, both from domestic & International sources.

I now pay virtually the same cost for a far superior, more reliable gigabit broadband internet service, enabling huge productivity gains to my business & often more satisfyingly home life.

As someone who works from home, I no longer have to restrict my kids wireless internet usage, because we now get at least 100 times better performance to that from my former service provider AT&T, which struggled to get anywhere close to the megabits per second I was misled into thinking I was actually paying for.

I have logs of wireless performance issues that I shared regularly with AT&T, using OOKLA to prove how I was not getting anywhere close to the speeds I thought I was paying for & was eventually told by an engineer that the marketing used has fine print stating up to 48 mbps, thats why I moved to my current gigabit broadband internet service provider SONIC.

Service providers like Sonic bring a much needed healthy competition to an industry that is dominated by a handful of massive corporate giants, who in my opinion, need to be held accountable & kept honest for the good of investors, customers & employees.

I understand that they are a critical component to help fund the production of Americas next generation 5G network, but smaller businesses also add to the economy in ways that may be harder to quantify.

When I switched to my current service provider, I purchased a new tri-band router at a cost of \$300-\$400, adding to the economy. I would not have done that, if I had stayed with AT&T!

I no longer call my service provider to complain about performance issues & I am able to do my job more efficiently without restricting other family members wireless internet usage. Both of my kids are taking online college courses & need a more stable service. AT&T would not have provided what we need at the same cost as I now pay to Sonic.

As such, I for one ask you to continue to encourage healthy competition for broadband services from other smaller businesses that help drive innovation & often, as in my experience, provide a better, more reliable, stable service, enabling business continuity for my contribution to my American employer, for the good of consumers & the country.

Thank you for considering my position on this.

Kind regards

Ken_kelleher@live.com
California Resident

Ken Kelleher