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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 work from home, and I rely on fast internet. Where I live, there was no other option besides Comcast. This monopoly was extremely burdensome: I disagreed with everything Comcast stood for, I hated working with them, but there was just no other option. This is not free market, this is not what we are trying to foster in our country: giving a few companies monopolistic or oligopolistic control, who then have no reason to innovate or even provide decent service. This is why here, in the United States, the country that invented the internet, we have internet that is "among the worst in the developed world" according to the 2018 FCC International Broadband Data Report.

Then Sonic laid Fiber in my neighborhood. Everything has been wonderful since then. But we must keep and expand competitive options for the last mile of internet for this country. Our country's place in the new world information economy literally depends on this.

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