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Federal Communications Commission
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**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'm a resident of San Francisco, in a neighborhood where my only options for accessing the Internet are either Comcast (which theoretically offers broadband speeds by your definition of 25/3 Mbps) over coaxial cable, and multiple providers leveraging the AT&T copper lines using ADSL (which isn't capable of broadband speeds, only 8/1 Mbps due to my distance from the AT&T central office).

I was an AT&T ADSL customer a long time ago, and suffered from poor service, high prices, poor customer service and slow speeds. So I switched to a CLEC called Sonic, which for a lower price than AT&T, but using AT&T's copper, was able to offer me higher speeds, a bundled phone line with unlimited calling and junk call filtering, a much more reliable connection, tons of value add services and some extraordinary customer service. I've been their customer ever since, going on 15 years, and I'm very happy with the service, despite the fact that the Internet speeds they can provide me, are quite low by today's standards and don't qualify as broadband by your definition (purely because the copper lines AT&T is providing them with, aren't capable of higher speeds).

I did test Comcast's service to compare, but despite signing up to a 250/12 Mbps package (Internet only), which is twice as expensive as my Sonic ADSL connection (which includes phone service, unlimited data and lots of added value services), and charges extra if I go over a certain monthly data cap, turned out to be far less reliable than my CLEC Sonic (frequent outages), and at peak times (5-9pm), the speeds I got were often slower than what Sonic provides me. Yes, at 2am, I sometimes got the advertised speeds, but almost never at peak times. So at peak times, Comcast isn't providing my area with broadband service most of the time, hence I've continued using my CLEC Sonic's services to this day.

In effect, none of my two options for Internet access: ADSL and Cable, can provide me with consistent broadband Internet access at peak times, and the one that's supposed to be faster, Cable, isn't very reliable.

So in reality, I only have one affordable and reliable option to access the Internet, and that's my CLEC Sonic, which can only provide me this access thanks to the provisions in the 1996

Telecommunications Act that allows my CLEC to lease copper lines from AT&T at a regulated rate. Please don't rescind the provisions that allow me to access the Internet through my CLEC. Doing so would leave me with only two options, both of which are overpriced, slow, unreliable and are offered by companies with extremely poor customer service. What I need is not less competition, it's more!

My CLEC is trying to deploy FTTH Internet access in my area, and rescinding the provisions that allow them to offer me the service I've been enjoying at a reasonable and very competitive price, would significantly increase my costs, cripple them financially (assuming they can even survive), and hence slow down or kill their FTTH deployment effort. I need them to upgrade my service from ADSL to FTTH, so I can finally enjoy true high speed broadband Internet access, and all the additional services and benefits that entails (better ability to work from home, remote data backups, etc...).

Do the right thing, keep promoting competition among ISPs and don't rescind the provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act!

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