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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,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. We live in a rural area in Occidental, Sonoma County, California, where there's no cable TV. Deregulation would be a severe setback to us. Telecom is misrepresenting our situation - they say we will not be affected by "forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there's no UNE-based competition in the market place". This is false - our connection with Sonic is with copper cable, and now Race Communications is about to connect us with fiber, so for the first time we'll have fast, unlimited internet access. Please allow competition, as broadband is essential for us. We do not want price hikes that will increase our costs for telephone and internet services. Thank you for your consideration.

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