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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 am a homeowner who relies on telephone and broadband service. I need their competitive pricing and their superb technical service department. This is especially important to me because I am 80 years old and technically challenged. The company I use, sonic.net, has always understood my problem and gone the extra mile to help me fix it. This would not happen with a big company that outsources its tech service.

These smaller competitive providers serve niche markets that the big companies do not find profitable, like rural customers. We need small businesses: they are the backbone of our nation's economic growth.

I trust the FCC to do the right thing and protect broadband suppliers.

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