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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 an independent contractor working from home, and fast, reliable internet service is vital to my work. I have chosen to use a locally based internet provider (in my case Sonic) because my experience with Comcast (the only provider available at the time) was so bad, in terms of service as well as pricing. It is important to have a local competitor that can keep the larger companies from continuing to raise prices without cause (or explanation) and who have no incentive to treat customers fairly--they are also notoriously hard to reach when you have an issue. My dealings with Sonic have been personal and they are attentive to their customer's concerns--I want to keep it that way.

Please DO NOT deregulate! My carrier uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace--and I am extremely grateful that they do!

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