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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,

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I strongly urge that US Telecom's request to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act NOT be granted for these reasons:

Competing providers LMI and Sonic serve residential customers in my area; the claim that no damage to competition or residential customers will result is not accurate.

USTelecom is asking the FCC to destroy AT&T and Verizon's competitors for them, instead of allowing market forces to determine who we, the customers, prefer.

I and thousands of other competing service subscribers will be hurt by higher prices that will result from suppressing competition in this market.

I have low-cost cell telephone service. I do not want to pay for 'bundled' telephone landline service in order to have Internet connectivity.

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