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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,

Please do not dismantle the 1996 Telecommunications Act and further throttle competition in the broadband industry.

I live in a major city where the dominant provider, AT&T, was dragging its feet on providing high-speed fiber broadband to most neighborhoods, including mine, and the available DSL service it provided was expensive, slow and unreliable. I was lucky to find a small, upstart competitor that provided a competitive DSL service while it was bringing fiber to the neglected neighborhoods of San Francisco. Sonic provided me with a reliable DSL and phone service bundle at about the same price as AT&T was charging me for just phone service.

As someone on a fixed income in an expensive city, I was extremely relieved to find a less expensive, more reliable option for my internet needs than the dominant provider offered.

Contrary to what US Telecom has told you, there are hundreds of thousands of people in my position who need such an option, and their competitors need access to the UNE services the US Telecom members have petitioned you to deregulate. My carrier Sonic, is one of the competitors they claim no longer exist.

Good service is built on competition. Please dont let the monopolists further stifle competition in the broadband industry.

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