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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,

Again the big corporations are trying to monopolize the citizens right to choose. If the FCC allows these corporations to dismantle the 1996 Telecommunication Act, we the people lose the benefits of lower prices through competition. We lose the service of the small business's that we all claim to support, and the customer service that the local provider understands better than any large corporation.

Myself, a local firefighter and college professor, and my family, who are all home owners in a rural community, are 20 year subscribers to our local high speed internet provider, Sonic, here in Sonoma County. Not only do we rely on them for our internet, we use them for our phone service as well. We choose SONIC, our local provider, because it offers the best deal compared to the big corporations AND they respect and protect our privacy. We rely on the newly placed fiber optic lines and local copper bundles for our service.

They have consistently provided us with economical service which is imperative to our house hold. Not requiring unwanted bundle services, which is the BIG corporations way of taking away competitive choice, increasing forced participation and price increases, local providers are the key to competitive competition.

Please DO NOT allow the dismantling of the 1996 Telecommunication Act and support our right to choose in a competitive market and to support the local small business owner.

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