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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,

I had been a customer of both of the two largest internet/cable companies - ATT and Comcast/Xfinity for many years. When Comcast increased rates and declined in service, I switched to ATT. ATT ended up being the worst of the worst, Comcast improved and I switched back . The old bait and switch. Back and forth. After a number of years and required "bundles" with bargain monthly rates of \$200/month, I cancelled all services. Sonic, a small carrier in Northern CA, recently extended their range of service to my area with fiber optic. I now pay \$60 a month for a cable line, landline and internet service. All taxes and fees included. I stream with Hulu (which Comcast owns, thank you very much) and access basic TV (12 HD channels) through Comcast for \$35 a month., I feel a need to keep live TV as an option for emergency news, given Trump's erratic tweets and mood swings. Once we are able to have someone in office who is not a full blown narcissist and incompetent, I will reconsider TV news. (I hope some of my comments are entertaining and give a chuckle or eye roll. As a 65 year old retired school social worker whose Jewish parents immigrated from Poland and Romania in 1929, these are very frightening times. NEVER AGAIN.)

I worked for the public schools for 40 years as a school social worker. As a retired person who does not qualify for reduced Medicare since I paid into a state teacher's retirement pension fund, I pay over \$1000 a month for my healthcare. I live on a budget, own a small 1000 square foot home since 1987 and am proud of my public service work.

In order for the citizens of this country who live within means unlike yourselves, we need and deserve local competitive services to make certain our elected officials are following the laws of the land, vs stuffing their pockets with the monies from the largest corporations and their cronies. Step up to the plate. Free speech, freedom of choice, fair market values, NO PRICE HIKES that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

Thank you.

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