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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 grant USTelecom's request to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

1. The existence of competing providers, who serve residential customers, voids the trade association's claim that no damage to competition or residential customers, will result.

There are two other considerably cheaper wired Internet providers in my market: LMI and Sonic. USTelecom is clearly aware of this. UST 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.

2. USTelecom has committed conscious fraud by claiming that no competitors or residential customers will be harmed by their request. A fraudulent claim must be denied.

3. I have chose Sonic because their price and speed are more affordable and better than AT&T. I and thousands of other new subscribers will be hurt by higher prices that will result from suppressing competition in this market.

AT&T and Verizon impose high prices in markets they dominate. USTelecom must not be granted this false filing to the FCC in order to extort higher prices from Internet users.

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