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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose a competitive provider because the cable company I subscribed to, continued to raise their rates to over \$250 a month for 2 TV's and internet. When I called and asked for a discount for being a long term customer, they refused. I have since quit all business with that cable company, Comcast. I also discontinued my phone service with AT&T for the same reason.

I switched my home phone and broadband internet to Sonic and I have been very happy. I am a senior and I am on a fixed budget. Having a service provided to me at a steady price is important in connecting to me to my family and the world around me. If I had not been given the choice to select lower cost options I would not have been able to continue with basic services such as internet and a phone. Competition is the American Way. Allowing monopolies and big corporations to control our access to internet and telephone services is akin to being brutalized and told to accept and enjoy the brutalization. We need net neutrality and the option to access phone and internet at lower costs.

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