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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,

The US Telecom petition is disingenuous. I have telephone and internet through Sonic. net, which depends on leasing copper wire transmission from AT&T. I used to have the same from AT&T, but Sonic provides better service at lower cost, including far more responsive and knowledgeable customer service. While I wish AT&T well (I'm a small stockholder), I want them to do well by improving their service and pricing, not by limiting competition. It should be instructive to them that others can do better than they do using their own equipment. Instead it appears that they only want monopsony power. While Sonic is using income from the leased lines to expand fiber, the big guys (AT&T and Verizon) do little and complain about the cost. Limiting competition will only allow them to let the US fall farther and farther behind other advanced (and even less advanced) countries in digital technology. The government should be promoting competition, not restraining it.

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