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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 am opposed to any legislation that would eliminate competition by small local business.

I recently switched service from AT&T to Sonic on the recommendation of a friend mainly because Sonic limits their hiring to people who reside within their home county. This assures that I am dealing with native English speakers when service discussions are necessary. This was a choice not available to me elsewhere. Customers select service providers for a variety of reasons , if there is a variety available and competitive circumstances encourage innovation and accommodation .

Experienced business men often see subtle ways to provide excellent service that are overlooked in a large, remotely managed operation. They are the innovators who may improve your service without increasing your rates.

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