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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 move towards deregulation on so many fronts in the last year and a half is extremely worrisome. As one of the "little guys", current trends will hurt me and others like me in so very many ways, as big business no longer has to pay a fair share of our national expense, big business is able to damage the environment with impunity, and small companies such as my phone service provider are crushed by big business.

My phone and internet service come from a small provider, Sonic, which uses the existing fiber network to reach people such as me. Allowing AT&T to limit access and/or to raise prices to use this network to the point that Sonic and others cannot be competitive is NOT in the public interest.

For almost all of my adult life the government strove to prevent the telephone network from being a monopoly. Please remember what generations of regulators knew ... that only big business benefits when the government allows them to drive everyone else out of business.

Competition may be bad for AT&T, but it is good for absolutely everyone else. Please help preserve it.

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