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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 writing in support of local carrier ISPs ability to purchase broadband wholesale under the Telecommunication's Act of 1996. Here in Northern California, without the presence of small CLECs, we would only have a duopoly (AT&T/Comcast) in the broadband and land-line phone market. The excellent CLEC that I use (Sonic) has superior customer service and reasonable prices and surely helps keep duopoly prices down. They are also rolling out gigabit fiber, but will need more time to cover enough territory (e.g. so I can get it) before that can be a self sustaining business on its own.

Given the recent end of formal net neutrality with it's ISP regulatory rules, we need competition in the broadband / voice market more than ever. So please do not accept USTelecom's petition that will likely snuff out CLECs and pave the way for price hikes and/or terrible service.

Thank You

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