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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 very much supportive of increased competition in the telecom/broadband industry, and as there are very few large players in this market, I feel you must do everything possible to help consumers. In San Francisco, we currently have one additional option to the two large providers: AT&T and Comcast. For years, I was saddled with the limited choice (and what often seemed like anti-competitive pricing) of the big companies, and there service was terrible. I've tried both, and now have the pleasure of getting both my VoIP phone and Internet service from Sonic - a small competitor, with a focus on customer service and privacy, and has been laying high speed fiber in the area at very competitive prices.

In today's world, broadband is critical to stay connected to what is happening in the world. For these and many other reasons, I am strongly opposed to the US Telecom petition, which will stifle competition and make it more difficult for small companies to enter the market and connect directly to homes. Please make the right decision and reject any proposals that limit consumer choice.

Respectfully,

Jim Bowlby