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Federal Communications Commission
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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,

We were elated to find we had a choice other than Comcast when we moved into our new apartment. Not only did we experience frequent outages and abysmal customer service with Comcast at our previous residence, we knew Comcast had no impetus for improvement because they were the only ISP available at that address. No company (or small group of companies) should have a monopoly in our market, especially not for such an important service as Internet access. Monopolies are un-American, and no corporation should be intimidated by competition.

I work from home and having fast and reliable Internet service is crucial to my economic stability. Having the choice of fiber (something Comcast does not offer in my area, but Sonic does) was a huge relief to me. Having the option to choose fiber from a competitive ISP felt right and true to the American approach to capitalism.

Do not squelch competition in the ISP market. To do so is un-American.

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