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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 choice of a competitive provider for internet and telephone service is more important now as corporate mergers and acquisitions slowly eliminate the competition in the telecommunications industry. I specifically choose local providers as the service is of higher quality, the prices more competitive, and customer support is superior to the large players who wish to dominate the market.

I purposely avoided AT&T and Comcast because of their inferior quality of service, high prices, large price increases, and diminished customer support. The local provider in the San Francisco bay area I use is Sonic.net who has provided excellent service with DSL and I recently upgraded to their fiber service which is vastly superior to anything Comcast or AT&T offers.

Competition in the marketplace is good for consumers and business. Business should be based on the ability to compete and provide better services, not the ability to buy the competition and dictate the market.

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