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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 finally had a real choice with my internet provider. Sonic provides gigabit fiber and I have left Comcast after having them as the only option. It's not lost on me that as soon as gigabit fiber was available to me, Comcast finally upgraded their speed. Had Sonic not come, I have no confidence Comcast would have improved their service.

Let me say that again. Real competition is good for consumers. If one provider is providing lack luster service, being able to switch causes things to get better.

In a city like San Francisco, defining competitive as a provider within a 1/2 mile of another provider is not acceptable. 1/2 mile is a large area in a city the size of San Francisco. Comcast has shown they do not have a public interest in mind. Only real competition will keep them honest.

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