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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,

Having access to broadband in 2018 and beyond is important as ever. The information I am able to access enables me to work remotely, gain new skills, stay informed, and generally have a competitive edge in the economy.

Leaving the access and control of broadband to the hands of just a few small companies is not in the public's interest. Competition is increasingly important, as we've seen the quality of goods and services decrease. Companies will not be incentivized to improve their infrastructure or delivery without the threat of loss of their customer base.

I am connected with competitive DSL in San Francisco, CA and have been satisfied with the product and services for the past four years. Sonic & AT&T were the only two options I had to get broadband with no capital charges upfront. My entire family has only 1 or 2 choices, living in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Having access to affordable broadband is a key issue for me, and competition is fundamental to ensuring this affordability and high quality access continues.

Thank you.

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