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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 chose a competitive provider (Sonic in San Francisco) because they offered a faster internet connection (fiber) than Comcast at a considerably more attractive price/package.

Much of my work is done from home, on line. In our area Comcast only provides comparable speeds to businesses and is not available in residential areas.

Competition in our area allows us to choose among five different carriers and, by consensus among all of our neighbors, Sonic provides a better product. Apparently, this has Comcast worried -- they sent two representatives to my front door after we switched. They were very nice and tried to persuade me to switch back. By the way, the "runner up" is an even smaller company, Monkeybrains, who uses line-of-sight microwave but it has limited coverage because of local terrain (hills).

Competition is a wonderful thing when it is allowed and encouraged. I realize many parts of the country probably couldn't sustain the level of competition we have but the FCC should go out of it's way to protect competitive providers.

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