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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 want to encourage competition regarding internet providers because competition promotes improved service and reasonable pricing.

I used ATT for broadband service plus phone for years. The service was VERY disappointing with slow speeds and slow service when needed and all at a high price. A bay area provider, Sonic, has provided far superior speeds plus phone service without issues, all for less than ATT.

I am retired, on fixed income and need quality broadband and phone in order to manage my life on my diminished income.

Thank you,

Robert Branden