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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 live in rural western Sonoma County, California. In my area, Internet access providers can have spotty or no coverage.

For example, Comcast, a local cable company, did not fully wire our area. Im adjacent to neighbors who have it, but my property and a few others were oddly left out when the area was initially wired. Comcast has asked \$13,000 to extend its cable an additional quarter mile.

Neither Verizon, nor AT&T fiber are available. Satellite Internet is expensive and inadequate. We are not in range of terrestrial microwave. My cell service here cant reliably support web access not enough bandwidth.

The only choice I have is via a local company, Sonic, that offers ADSL service to area homes. They lease the copper telephone lines from AT&T, and offer bonded pairs with enough capacity (20Mbps) to handle my needs. I use the Internet for personal, as well as small business use.

AT&T does not offer this option, even on their own lines. They are not planning fibre for my neighborhood.

Local broadband providers are often the only choice for customers like me. Please do not hinder their ability to provide competitive, properly priced service.

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