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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,

Since the start of the internet, it has been successfully run using the rules needed as a Common Carrier, and this enabled small to medium ISP's to "play with the big guys". In the case of my smaller carrier (Sonic.NET) , this has had incredible benefits for me. These benefits include: intelligent and responsive technical support, lower cost, and respect for my privacy, that has enabled me to enjoy the Internet and participate in our current "Electronic Democracy".

It is extremely unfortunate that you are considering changes to those rules that would increase market concentration, decrease ISP's responsibilities to deal in a level playing field, and allow discrimination in pricing. It is my feeling that these changes are extremely against the spirit and actuality of true and fair competition.

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