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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 am a consumer and I greatly support broadband competition. Even with the current competition, large companies like Comcast, AT&T, and Spectrum provide poor service knowing that consumers like me have limited options for essential broadband services. As a customer, we are consistently hit with price hikes and "take it or leave it" attitude from these companies. It was only thorough relentless research that I found Sonic, who is now my provider for both broadband internet and phone service.

High speed internet is essential in today's world. We use it for our information, entertainment, education, and to make our houses run. Without internet in my home, I would be unable to complete my classes or connect with family and friends. I would have no entertainment. I would not be able to research what events are happening in my community, answers to intellectual questions I think of, or watch a TED talk. I wouldn't even be able to play music while I clean my home.

Our technology has advanced to the point where internet is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Our wallets and emotional well being should not be held ransom by unscrupulous companies who only want to price gouge for higher profits for their CEOs. Smaller companies like Sonic give customers more options, provide better service quality, and foster competition in the marketplace. After years with horrible providers like Spectrum, I finally have a provider who provides quality customer service and invests in their products, such as expanding the (much needed) availability of fiber internet.

I urge you to consistently enact legislation that encourages competition, investment in better networks, and supports local providers. This promotes innovation, quality customer service, lower prices, and a better experience for all customers. Please do not approve the USTelecom's petition, which would eliminate this necessary competition in the Broadband market.

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