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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 have for years used a dsl connection for the simple fact that there is no competitive pricing with any other option. Not to mention my "options" are limited thanks to essentially monopoly tactics that major telecom/isp companies have been allowed to get away with. I'm a disabled resident living in an inner-city area and truth be told, I don't have options, there is no competition, and if it wasn't for the broadband company I do subscribe to, then I would either be getting fleeced or unable to connect at all. Do you know no data cap, unlimited, 30Mb speed plan in England costs just \$35? Do you know why? Because their government pushed for a healthy and competitive market, even going as far as offering companies incentives. While here, when I tried to get a more restrictive plan under Spectrum, I'm told I can't because the area is only serviced by AT&T. How is that competitive? How is that not setting residents up for price hikes and price gouging?

Of course I doubt this means anything, considering the previous work some members of the FCC used to do, and for whom.

Look, removing broadband networks because there's no market is just greed talking. And it has to stop. Stripping everything away from people who can't afford better doesn't mean they will be forced to pay more. It means they will go without, and the companies who are hoping to make more, won't.

Isn't there enough of a divide in this country without taking this from people to, further widening the gap of haves and have-nots?

I am a Sonic customer, because I do not like AT&T's business practices and models. And I am happy with the service I get even if I pay more for less than my British peers. I am willing to accept that the FCC is not going to do anything to push for a healthy and competitive ISP market, but at the very least, don't make it *worse*.

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