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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 strongly urge that USTelecom's request to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act NOT be granted for these reasons:

1. The existence of competing providers, who serve residential customers, voids the trade association's claim that no damage to competition or residential customers, will result.

The truth is there are two other wired Internet providers in my market: Lan Minds and Sonic. USTelecom is well away of this. UST is asking the FCC to destroy AT&T and Verizon's competitors for them, instead of allowing market forces to determine who we, the customers, prefer.

2. USTelecom has committed conscious fraud by claiming that no competitors or residential customers will be harmed by their request. A fraudulent claim must be denied.

3. I subscribe to Sonic gigabit fiber' Internet connection because their price and reliability is more affordable and better than Comcast. I and thousands of other Sonic subscribers will be hurt by higher prices that will result from suppressing competition in this market.

4. I have cell telephone service from Verizon. I do not want to pay for 'bundled' telephone landline service in order to have Internet connectivity.

AT&T and Verizon impose high prices in markets they dominate. USTelecom must not be granted this false filing to the FCC in order to extort higher prices from Internet users.

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