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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,

I hope for the sake of this argument that you aren't firmly in the pocket of AT&T, though that company is large and wealthy enough to make me concerned. I don't like AT&T. I've always found their service overpriced and their customer service shockingly substandard.

That's why I worked hard to get AT&T out of my life. They have never done anything to earn my business or to make me want to work with them. They don't feel like they have to. Well, in a free economy where competition is encouraged -- or even allowed -- a company that offers poor service backed by poor service gets what the free market offers: fewer customers willing to tolerate being treated badly.

Keep competition. Don't let huge companies like AT&T treat its customers like dollar bills. Sonic.net, for more than 15 years, has treated me like a valued customer, and I am loyal to them BECAUSE THEY EARN MY LOYALTY.

Keep the free market free. KEEP THE FREE MARKET FREE. Encourage competition. Let companies EARN their profits, not through laws that force people to accept them but through their own practices of good service.

This is important. Free market competition is the only thing that makes capitalism work as it should. If you believe in this system, then show it: Support health competition. Encourage it. Protect it. Now and always.

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