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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.

Two other wired Internet providers exist in my market: LMi.net and Sonic. USTelecom is aware 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. Claiming that no competitors or residential customers will be harmed by their request is a fraudulent claim. A fraudulent claim must be denied.

3. I chose Sonic to provide my home internet connection because their price and reliability is more affordable and better than AT&T. I and thousands of other Sonic subscribers will be hurt by higher prices that will result from suppressing competition in this market.

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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