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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,

In our rural area, there are only a few choices for internet service. We choose Sonic.net, a locally owned business, to provide access for our home & also for our family owned & operated business.

We're very happy to be able to source locally. One of the reasons that Sonic's service is exceptional because they know our area well. They're also dedicated to excellence. In every interaction, their staff is focused on solving our problem & making sure communication is clear. They've been able to optimize our experience even though our situation is more remote than most. Even with our rural location, our services have been consistent & reliable. Sonic advises us of even the possibility of an interruption, but they've never let us down once in all these years.

Our costs have held steady for years & we're happy about that too, it makes a big difference to be able to hold costs steady to help keep our business running smoothly.

We have tried the two other services & our previous provider was AT&T. We were so glad to be done with both of them, service was expensive yet frustratingly slow & glitchy. AT&T's customer service was abominable. We can say this with some assurance because we have worked in service for almost 40 years. We quit as soon as Sonic became available & have never looked back.

Local businesses deserve respect & consideration. Just because a company has the biggest lobbyists or corporate clout doesn't mean they should be allowed to trample the little guys. Companies like Sonic are a growing & vital force in creating growth & employment. Their networks are adding resilience & stability to our small-town economy, that makes us all stronger & is worth preserving.

Running our own business has reinforced our values of commitment & responsibility to our community. We've directly experienced how the crew at Sonic shares those values & have dedicated themselves to serving their community, even as they grow & thrive.

Don't cut local providers off at the knees, keep the playing field level for all the players.

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