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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 chose a smaller, local internet provider for a reason: Sonic provides lower prices and much, much better service than AT&T, whom I have used before. Their signal is reliable, their pricing fair; and when I call customer service, a real person answers the phone immediately. That person is always friendly and knowledgeable. None of this is true of the larger carriers.

Competition is the heart and soul of Americas economic system. Why would you do anything that would take that away? Small carriers must not be excluded from the system. We recently upgraded from DSL to fiber for both Internet and phone service. All of it comes through Sonic, our local carrier, and we couldnt be happier.

I support broadband competition, and you should as well. Dont let big corporation special interests dictate what is available to an average American. Strike a blow for freedom and the true American system: preserve broadband competition.

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