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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 OPPOSE changes to the 1996 Telecommunications Act, currently being considered. We are fortunate to have an OUTSTANDING local service provider who has invested heavily in expanding services and fiber to several nearby communities. Changes being proposed will cripple our best local service in favor of large national firms who have made dubious investments that do not expand or enhance public service.

We are about to benefit from Sonic.Net's recent fiber expansion, that now runs past our home and is about to be open for connections. PLEASE to not impair their progress to serve our community and provide the competition that drives the American economy.

Please oppose obstacles to competition that are being considered.

Sincerely,

Mark DeBacker