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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 get my home internet service from Sonic.net, a local provider in the San Francisco Bay Area with exceptional service and reasonable prices. Although they are now rolling out a fiber network (which we were recently plugged into and is amazingly fast!) we previously relied on the DSL service they provided via competitive access to AT&T's phone lines. Sonic's presence in the market keeps local internet service prices somewhat reasonable, while providing a dramatically more customer-friendly experience than the big telcos and cable companies.

It's clear to me that under a cable/telco duopoly prices would be higher and service poorer in our area. Please do whatever you can to preserve and expand competition in broadband. Competition fosters low prices and innovation, both of which are needed in the ISP space in order to keep the American economy strong in the 21st century.

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