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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 use Sonic for my Internet connectivity needs because the only two alternatives I have, AT&T and Comcast, provide inferior performance and terrible customer service. As a retired senior (and diligent voter) I rely on the Internet for much of my entertainment and news, and for my banking and household system management activities; e.g., my remote furnace thermostat, which keeps down my energy bills. I am on a fixed income. An increase in the monthly cost of my Internet service would not be insignificant. The way I see it, a few big corporations have not been able to keep up with the pace of innovations that now threaten their still-substantial profits. So they are trying to use regulations to cripple the smaller companies who are deploying those innovations. That is bad, not just for consumers like me, but for the country as a whole. Please do not let it happen.

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