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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'm a volunteer for our public schools, and run a nonprofit arts organization; I do most of my work from home. My husband is a scientist for a national laboratory, and a professor at a public university. He works about 60 hours a week, and he also works from home on the weekends; sometimes he has international conference calls via the internet with Asian and European funders and collaborators at all hours of the day and night. We rely on good, reliable, and fast internet. Meanwhile, we are not working in lucrative fields - I've been working for free for over 15 years now. Internet is now a necessity for everyone doing work or seeking work - including for children attending public school doing their homework or research.

For years we've been stuck paying Comcast more and more money for less and less service for our internet. Right now, we are paying over \$100 a month just for internet - that's ridiculous!

When we found out that an independent fiber internet provider, Sonic, was coming to our neighborhood, we jumped up and down with excitement! We have waited while they got the permits to install, and now we're almost ready to get their service. We can't wait!

Please: we need competition, and we need quality service. Don't drive these smaller providers out of business!

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