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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,

In a nation of this size and diversity, local broadband providers fill holes in coverage that national providers create. Large organizations must homogenize their products to cater to the needs of the majority of their customers. As they grow, they become unable to meet the needs of the rest of their potential customers. This is where the current system allows providers like SONIC to find creative ways to provide service to those left uncoverable by the national providers.

In addition to this, competition in the marketplace is central to our economic model. We regulate industries and dismantle monopolies to protect citizens from the greed of corporations. Competition also keeps costs down for consumers and stimulates innovation for providers.

I used to only be able to get DSL where I live, but SONIC has brought gigabit internet to my area.

SONIC has completely removed any and all stress of dealing with a service provider in my life. As you're probably aware, almost no one has that experience with a national provider. National providers are notorious for having horrible customer service and for treating their customers like trash. Please don't make that a mandatory experience for everyone who wants internet access.

Fight back against the consolidation of power. This is a country of people who work at corporations, not a country of corporations that feed off of people.

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