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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 am a small business of one. I do everything for my business; provide mental health services to my customers, maintain EHR, market for new customers, accounting & most of the book keeping, maintain my website, and even clean the office.

Because I depend on reliable internet service, to manage many of these tasks, I know what internet service providers are in my area and what they charge.

For the last decade I have tried to work with the larger internet providers in my area like AT&T, Comcast, and Xfinity, only to be frustrated/infuriated with poor service, high costs, and no alternative competitors. There was an assumption that because I was a "business" and had a "Dr." in front of my name, that I could pay a \$100 for basic internet service and would be willing to pay a premium \$\$\$ for a decent internet speed. You would think that because I live in a metropolitan area of over 2.5 million that I would have more choices for broadband providers.

I was relieved/overjoyed a few years ago when I found the services of Sonic ISP...a small competitive local exchange carrier company that has outstanding customer service, lower prices, and faster internet speeds for my location.

Believe it or not, a strong broadband connection is critically important to my business and Sonic has not only saved me money with lower prices, but their reliability has allowed me to spend less time trying to keep my computer connected to the cloud. This seemingly small change in affordable, reliable broadband providers has truly been a godsend. Please keep the competition alive. Small businesses like mine depend on the lower costs that competition provides.

At a time when so many legislative decisions are favoring the corporation over the individual American and consumer, please hear my small but earnest plea.

Sincerely,

Lisa Barry

