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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 have chosen to use an alternative to giant corporate internet providers. After years of frustration and questionable and unpredictable pricing practices, I chose to go with local "independent" provider. After 40 years I made the switch for both internet and telephone service...and have no regrets. I can't state too strongly how much better my service has been, how more accessible and responsive this company (SONIC); which is the antithesis of my experience with the larger corporate providers...and I have tried both: Comcast and ATT. Competition is the only protection that I as a consumer has. As a senior citizen with a fixed income this is especially important. Please don't take this option away. I have noticed as the companies have become larger and more complex they outsource the customer service and it is not good.

LISTEN TO THE CONSUMERS.

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