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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 used to only have one option for broadband internet service: Comcast. Since there were no other cable companies available in my neighborhood, I had to accept Comcast's rates and internet speeds, or not have any internet connection. My business, my friendships, and my ability to make online purchases are all dependent on internet connection.

Now I have an alternative: Sonic. I believe in competition among service providers of any type. Monopolies result in higher prices and less service. Monopolistic companies have no incentive to please their customers when their service is a necessity.

Please do not cut off access to internet competition in my neighborhood or any neighborhood!

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