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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a local consumer and I use a local provider Sonic for my internet/broadband and landline. I have found them to offer superior customer service and overall performance. I have been with many larger carriers including AT&T and Earthlink and Sonic has been a better provider overall. It is extremely important that local carriers like Sonic be able to compete in the marketplace to avoid monopolistic practices by the larger carriers. Thank you for your consideration of my perspective as both a local consumer AND a small business owner.

Sincerely,

Chad Balch