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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 live in area serviced by both large and small carriers, I chose a small carrier (Sonic) because of the service, local support, and comprehensive offerings in my area. I have used them for many years, and have been able to call for tech support when needed. It is reassuring that there is someone on the other hand, who is local, that can help. I'm also on a fixed income, paying the limit of what I can, and see that other carriers are more costly; they are also indifferent to client needs, and overly complicated. Like most of the rest of the world, I use internet service throughout the day and don't want to be dependent on an out-of-touch large carrier. The carrier I use also supports my landline w/free long-distance, which is a good way to stay in touch with people I care about.

ISPs are now fundamental communication companies in our world, and customers are particularly dependent on them for all kinds of communication. That means that poorly regulated monopolies have strong ripple effects in all our lives. Allowing companies like Sonic the means of competition make us less dependent on a few indifferent companies. I think the FCC's mission is to enhance our reliable communication choices, not to put popular businesses out of business.

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