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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 residential internet customer. I currently have fiber optic internet service from Sonic.net, a local broadband provider. Prior to the fiber connection I had a DSL connection also from Sonic.net. The DSL connection was only possible because of the requirement for competitive access to local telecommunications infrastructure.

Broadband connectivity is vital to my job, as the company I work for is located 30 miles from my home. Telecommuting from home via broadband internet is the only way I am able to be productive.

I chose Sonic.net for my internet provider because they have excellent customer service and great prices. We need to preserve a competitive market for broadband internet connectivity in the US. It is absolutely essential that we maintain competitive access to infrastructure for small local internet providers. More competition is what gets us better service and prices.

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