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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,

It is in my opinion that internet providers should be competitive. Competition in any business is vital to its customers. Without competition services degrade, and prices get higher at the same time.

I have used sonic.net for more than 20 years. In those years I have had problems with my internet, but I can't think of any one time that I was dissatisfied with their service. They are super.

In the past I have helped other people with internet problems, and have had to call places like India, the Philippines and other countries.

The experience of calling these countries was a nightmare, because I couldn't understand what they were saying, and it took a long time to finally get an answer.

Besides my business I also used the internet and telephone service for my personal use.

In the future our neighborhood will get fiber but until that time it's twisted pair. If Sonic is knocked out, I would have to get another provider, and I would not like that at all, because Sonic has given me Super Service, and no doubt I wouldn't have that with another provider. Before I had Sonic it was AT&T. I was not happy with them because of their service.

In closing I would just like to emphasize cost. Everybody especially consumers who can't recover their costs like businesses who can write them off cannot afford higher prices.

( without competition there is no reason for a company to provide super services to its customers )

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