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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 consumer of Sonic internet service. This service is critical to my job, studies and personal life. Having a choice in service provider keeps prices competitive, and allows me to tailor service to my needs.

I have lived in places where there were effective monopolies in telecom service. Having no options drove up prices and I was constantly subjected to unexplained rate hikes.

Having Sonic available in my current address has stabilized costs. There is great customer service. My internet connection is reliable. All of this would disappear if Sonic is cut out of the market.

Please do not allow telecom monopolies. It is an insane idea that really hurts consumers, like me.

Thank you,

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