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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 chose Sonic to be my residential ISP after continued problems with larger providers. I found that Sonic had products tailored to my specific needs and that they were responsive and customer oriented in a way that the larger companies just weren't. They won my business with a better product, better service and a better price.

Without competition, I would have had no choice and I would have had to settle for lesser service and less attractive value proposition. When companies compete, the consumer has the opportunity to make choices like those I made with Sonic but more than that, competition provides market place metrics that companies can use to hone and perfect their services to better meet the needs of those consumers while improving internal efficiency to allow them to make a fair profit.

Of course, the other way companies can increase their profits is by lobbying to have regulations and laws changed such that competition is stifled and by insisting on rate hikes that increase their profits and my costs but without substantially improving their product or services.

Broadband is critical to today's modern culture in that as a communications medium, the internet has supplanted many traditional forms of dialog between people but more than that, it affords me the opportunity to work from home upon occasion which saves on commuting, saves wear and tear on the roads, saves gasoline and allows the United States to be more productive overall.

Please do not limit competition in the broadband marketplace and do not authorize unwarranted, unnecessary and unproductive rate increases.

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