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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 support broadband competition. I am a consumer and A previous customer of AT&T. Service in my area was declining because AT&T did not want to maintain their services. I frequently lost connectivity and have spent hours and hours on the phone to resolve my issues with my internet connection. I purchased new equipment on their advice which turned out to be a waste of money. The new equipment did not improve my internet service. At the same time, the cost of my internet connection through AT &T kept rising. I continued to pay higher prices but my service only confused to grow worse. I became so frustrated with the lack of support that I switched to Sonic, a local, smaller provider of internet services. Sonic has upgraded my connection to fiber at a fraction of the cost that AT&T was charging. I continue to pay much lower bills for much better service

I could not be happier. Sonic has provided personal support to get me connected to the internet. I appreciate that they are a local company employing local people. They understand what it is to have a stake in the community. They value their customers something that AT&T never did.

Stop the welfare for large corporations. Their poor business practices should not be paid for by the small consumer. They should not be allowed to control the market place when they have no interest in improving their services to the average consumer. Their only goal is to dominate the market place and squeeze as much money out of their customers as they can.

I am a librarian and internet connectivity at the library is crucial in the small town I live in. It makes a huge difference in peoples lives when they cannot afford their own internet connection at home. Keep the cost of connecting to the internet affordable for all people. Keep access to the internet available to all people regardless of their income. Keep broadband competition. Stop corporate welfare.

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