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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 current Sonic.net customer and former AT&T customer. I have some first-hand points to share which you should consider before making a decision that will hinder or remove competition from local competitive internet providers (like Sonic).

\* My internet experience improved when I left AT&T and joined Sonic. The interesting part is that the infrastructure (phone lines) used by both services are the same. With AT&T, I had ADSL, "capped"/artificially limited at 6mbps, and a phone line, which together were billed at \$88 a month. Looking for a lower bill, I found Sonic. Know that DSL speed is governed by distance to the local CO (Central Office). When I joined Sonic and bought their internet and phone Fusion package (same as my previous package with AT&T), they did not impose any caps and instead let my speed be limited only by my distance to my local CO. My speed went up to 7-8 mbps while my bill went down to \$60 a month. A score for me and for competitive services like Sonic.

\* Internet Neutrality and User Privacy needs support at the ISP level. Big ISP's , like AT&T and Verizon, have shown that they don't value current Internet or "net" neutrality policies. Who decides what is proper? If information is being controlled or censored by ISP's, will we continue to trust that information? At the same time, controlling flow of data means having to scan that data, and that means violating the privacy of users who surf the Internet using their services. I joined Sonic because of their support of User Privacy and Internet Neutrality. I expect that most (if not all) Internet users would prefer even and unhindered access to the Internet while having a choice as to whether they do their browsing known or anonymous.

I hope these points help in showing that we will lose a valuable resource if local competitive internet providers are cut off from or limited in the market. Competition has been shown to minimize stagnation, support innovation, and give choice to the public.

Thank you,

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