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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141


Dear Ms. Dortch:

My office as well as my home are Sonic customers, and we strongly urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition. We switched to Sonic because the service offered was more reliable than our previous telephone and WiFi/data service through AT&T. Since switching several years ago, we have rarely had a problem with any of our services through Sonic. Sonic's customer service has been human, knowledgeable, and very friendly. Furthermore, the charges for Sonic services has been substantially lower than our previous and other comparative services.

If Sonic services were no longer available, the costs for an equivalent set of services would increase significantly. It has been this office's experience that the services of a local provider such as Sonic is far superior than what is available through large national conglomerates.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the monolithic providers. Please reject the Petition of USTelecom. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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