



The Living Room Center

Day Services for Women and Children Who are Homeless

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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,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Living Room Center, Inc. We are a non-profit providing services to homeless women and children. We are a Sonic customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition.

We receive phone and internet service from Sonic.

When we moved to our current location two years ago, we chose to use Sonic because they are a local company and our business is supporting our community. Also, we cannot afford to have any IT people on staff so fast, helpful customer service is really important. Sonic provides that for us and AT&T did not.

We survive on fundraising for every dollar we spend. If we could not have Sonic, we might have to cut back our services to homeless women and children.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Parkinson
Executive Director
The Living Room Center, Inc.