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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 small business owner. When I opened my office, I evaluated broadband (DSL) service from both AT&T and our local provider, sonic.net. AT&T was less expensive, but they were very unpleasant to deal with, and they committed two potentially serious security lapses in the course of the discussion (e-mailing sensitive information unencrypted). I have been extremely happy with sonic.net, and am looking forward to the day when their investment in fiber will reach my location.

My business requires both up- and downloading uncompressed (.wav) music files and some other large datasets; broadband is an absolute requirement. I am located in an area of small towns, where many locations have no alternative to one or the other of AT&T or Comcast. I strongly support the current unbundling regime that allows local, customer-oriented providers like sonic.net to compete reasonably for end-user customers.

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