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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 residential consumer in the San Francisco Bay Area. For many years, we were stuck with either Comcast or AT&T as our only options for telephone or internet service. Both of these companies have high prices and their customer service leaves a lot to be desired, especially Comcast.

Comcast was much too expensive and I prefer an actual landline over VOIP, because it still works in an emergency. So we used AT&T. However, their service was still expensive. And when we started streaming entertainment more, we suddenly discovered that our DSL service had a data cap and we started getting slammed with higher bills for exceeding this previously undisclosed cap. Our only choices were to watch less entertainment or pay much higher bills each month. Then Sonic came along. They are a small local provider giving service over the existing landlines. I was able to get phone and internet for half the base price I was paying before and they do not have data caps, so my bill is always the same. They provide good service and my family is free to stream as much as we want.

Although our income would be considered quite decent in many parts of the country. However, in this very expensive area where I live, it is considered low income. Everything here is already so expensive and so many of our choices are being taken away as companies merge. All these mergers just result in higher prices. I'm sick and tired of watching the price of everything around me go up while our income does not. We are constantly struggling to live. Please stop approving all these things that diminish competition. Please keep rules in place that allow smaller companies to compete and provide consumers with choices. Such companies make it possible for people like me to make their dollars go farther and provide for our families.

Thank you.

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