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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,

My husband & I are self-employed. Our gardening business has been growing for almost 35 years in Sonoma County & we've depended on Sonic for many years. We depend on Sonic for their reliability, great customer support & exceptional service for our phones & internet needs. There are very few choices for our rural area & we know from previous bad experiences that none can meet our needs as well as Sonic. As small business owners in a small town, we understand how supporting our local economy feeds our family, friends & neighbors, fuels job growth & creates stability for our community. That's why we've been happy to have such a great local resource to depend on. Our business is small, so our margins are small. Higher costs for internet & phone services would literally take food from our mouths, so we appreciate the reasonable costs we pay for Sonic IPS & phone service.

Sonic is a local company with big ideas. They are able to bring new innovations to our small area with efficiency & imagination. They've invested in our small town of Sebastopol by installing their fiber infrastructure to bring exceptionally fast internet speeds. We believe these kinds of innovation are a healthy & necessary force for change in the rapidly evolving area of broadband technology. Of course the larger corporations will use their leverage & weight to build monopolies for their own profit. We see their greed at work in every sector & we clearly see the stagnation & damage it creates in the economy. And we feel the effects profoundly, as they ripple down to impact us & our family's health & well being on a daily basis.

We hope you will stand strong for the rights of small companies like Sonic, who bring so much to their customers & build strength & resilience for our country, one town at a time.

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