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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,

After many years of slow internet, first dialup and then a satellite dish, Sonic finally came to my rural area.

They are using the AT&T phone lines but providing both telephone and broadband internet to my house.

They are the only provider to come to my area. AT&T has had the lines, but would not bring the internet. Comcast would not come here because there are not enough customers to make it profitable enough for them.

Sonic was the only company who was willing to provide service.

The internet is critical to both my husband's ability to work from home and for my ability to rent our vacation rental in Mexico.

Without the internet we would also not be able to use our cell phones, as the cell service does not reach our house. But with using the WIFI we also get to use our cell phones!

Don't punish the rural communities by limiting competition.

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