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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 live in a rural community and we support broadband competition. Local broadband providers like Sonic.net of Santa Rosa CA are so critical for us because:

- 1) We can work remotely.
- 2) Small businesses can communicate with suppliers and customers outside of our area.
- 3) School children can do research on the Internet.
- 4) We can relax after a day of work and watch streaming movies.

The above are some of the reasons and there are many more. Price increases and reduced access will harm our ability to learn and grow and become part of the Internet community.

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