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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 consumer that has chosen a competitive provider for my internet and telephone needs and wish the ability and freedom to do so now, and in the future.

My reasons are:

1. Supporting smaller, local businesses that employ local people in my community,
2. Superior support and service compared to large behemoths that oftentimes have outsourced their call centers to different states and oftentimes, entirely different countries,
3. Value the agility and customer-focus that smaller businesses provide.

I personally have been utilizing Sonic Internet and telephone service for the past 12 years, having moved away from AT&T due to horrible customer support and usury pricing and bundling of services I did not want or need.

I have relied on these internet services to provide me and my family with a livelihood (computer networking consultant), keep me in touch with friends and family throughout the world and for entertainment.

To continue with deregulation in such a crucial industry as telecommunications, does a disservice to me personally, to my future children and holds back America from healthy competition.

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