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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 small, rural town. Most of the larger Broadband providers have minimal interest in providing reasonably priced, reliable high speed internet service here because there is not a large population and is not very lucrative for their corporations. Additionally, with a lack of competition, there is no incentive for them to offer competitive rates.

Since 2007, I've been a happy and satisfied Sonic.net internet service and VOIP telephone service subscriber. These two services, at their current price point, are incredibly important to me as I'm now a Senior citizen living on a fixed income with a global family. These services allow me to remain in contact with the members of my family, and friends around the world

Another reason why I support Sonic.net is they do not outsource their tech support services to countries where the technicians perfunctory command of English makes it quite difficult to understand what they're trying to tell me. I've always had prompt, effective problem solving help available from knowledgeable, well versed Sonic.net personnel, who communicate clearly, and as a bonus live locally, and contribute to the local economy.

For you to take action that would negatively impact the smaller, local internet providers, such as Sonic.net, would be a travesty to our philosophy of a free market economy, and a disservice to the American public.

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