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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,

Competition in internet connectivity is vital to the economy as a whole. We have been customers of a startup fiber optic company, Sonic, for three years, and we have been delighted at how much better their service has been compared to our old non-competitive cable company, which took no interest in customer service at all. Having competition keeps companies on their toes, and that leads to innovation and caring about keeping up with the latest technology.

Innovators and innovation need nurturing. You can help by preventing would-be monopolists from choking the innovators out of existence in the internet connectivity field. America needs competition in order to keep up with other countries and in order to remain technological leaders. We live in a small town in an agricultural area, and we have benefitted greatly from Sonics presence here. We read that countries like South Korea have better rural connectivity that much of our country does. Companies like Sonic enable us to stay on top.

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