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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 rural part of Sonoma County California. I depend on Sonic to deliver internet service at sufficient DSL broadband speed via unbundled AT&T copper wires. I was with AT&T since the introduction of DSL dial up in the mid 1990's. On January 1st 2018, my service was throttled down by AT&T from an average range of 4mbps to under 1mbps. After days of calling, testing and having equipment checked, I was informed that the change was permanent. With an option to pursue a resumption of usable internet, I contacted Sonic. While the install required AT&T to make the post Sonoma fire repairs they declined to do for me, they did run new lines to my house for Sonic. I now achieve an average of 7mbps. I pay more for the extra speed, but the stability of the network and the attentive service are worth it. I fear that the proposed changes will strand me back to poor service. Even though the speed is one tenth what friends in city environments achieve, I'm grateful to have at least functional internet service.

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