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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,

As A resident of Sonoma County, and having lived through the devastating fires last October, I am grateful to be a Sonic internet customer. All Comcast television, internet, and phones went down in the northern part of the county due to a Comcast substation being hit by the fire and severing fiber lines that carried service to the north. Cell phone coverage was also affected by the number of towers damaged and power lost. During this time most of my neighbors, were cut off from communicating with loved ones, not knowing if they were safe. I on the other hand, still had internet and was able to communicate via text with my loved ones. Neighborhoods came together during this time and after speaking with a neighbor, I moved my router to the front of my house where my neighbors could connect and gave them all my password. All of my neighbors and I were grateful that we could communicate with those we were concerned for.

Two of my family members lost homes in the middle of the night and I was able to get ahold of them to find out if they were safe and to invite them to come stay at my house, out of immediate fire danger. They took my offer and I had twelve people staying at my house for almost two weeks, and they too were grateful that they could let other family and friends know they were safe.

Without me having Sonic, who uses copper lines in my area, and being only one household, forty or so other people were able to communicate in this time of terror and trauma. I urge for the continued safety of Californians in these crazy times of ravaging fires, to protect providers like Sonic, to be able to continue using these hard lines which are more dependable and affordable.

Telecommunications have created monopolies in areas and these copper lines give customers other choices to avoid outrageous fees. I am a teacher and my wife a restaurant manager, living in expensive Sonoma County, where I grew up. We have four kids who use our Sonic internet almost daily to complete school work, and Sonic offers internet service in my town at a much more affordable rate than Comcast and AT&T.

Please do not take away my access to dependable and affordable internet access.

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