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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 support the continuation of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers. When I was at Stanford University, I was Covad's customer number 925 with DSL. This was possible because Covad was a CLEC. When I left Stanford in 1999, I signed up for Sonic.net, another CLEC. I prefer their policies and their prices. I am not happy with the duopoly of the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and the Cable company for my Internet access.

I am a small business owner and reliable Internet access, and effective customer support when there are problems, is important to me. Sonic.net gives me that. And Sonic.net gives me privacy, which the ILEC and cable company do not.

We need competition and ILECs provide the necessary competition.

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