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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 former AT&T DSL customer, I can personally tell you that the switching to the small telecom provider Sonic was a life altering change for my mom and I. We were once below middle class, much less and in one of the most expensive housing markets in the world; every penny counted and AT&T's phone and inter bundles were never the "bargains" they were advertised. By way of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, a company such as Sonic was allowed to exist and provide a better and cheaper internet service at 1/3 of large conglomerate, AT&T's price. The World Health Organization now considers internet a basic human necessity much like water and shelter and small local companies that challenge the status quo with cheaper/better internet service will help thousands more families like mine; providing access to information in lifting people out of poverty.

I also implore the FCC to please explain the hypocrisy of limiting broadband competition while trying to champion free markets and competition. In my eyes, companies in America have always been challenged by competition to provide/create the best products for the customer. We stamp this capitalistic view throughout the world and it is this competitive system that has lifted the most people out of poverty in recorded history. Yet this great American value of competition is being systematically stamped out by the federal government in favor of having massive corporations oversee utilities. Why must the FCC try and reverse antitrust laws in trying to kill off small ISPs? If the net neutrality argument is to be inserted here, it is a poor one. Companies with more money, pigeonholing customers will not use their profits to innovate but instead pay out dividends or conduct stock buy backs, history shows us this time and time again. Please do not stamp out local and competitive ISPs, it's a poor business practice and it's down right un-American.

- Your Fellow American.

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