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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 am a minority woman who owns her own independent business, that proudly uses Sonic's services. Previously, I paid what I felt was too much for internet and phone services. The quality of internet connection was also lacking with constantly being disconnected for hours at a time. This was my experience with ATT. When I moved, I had the opportunity to sign up for Sonic's service in 2014. I was skeptical since where I lived would still require the use of ATT's lines as a pass through or however that arrangement was since we moved into a neighborhood build the 50's. For the last four years, I've relied on Sonic's service that gave me a higher upload download speed paying their base level which included a phone line. I would never want to change to another carrier. Their service has never failed me or disconnected for no apparent reason the way I experienced with ATT for years previously with no resolution to the issue. I value the service I receive from Sonic and how reliable they are for my business.

Please don't take away competition for service. I have the right to choose who I want to give my business to and I will always choose the local competition over the latter.

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