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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,

Despite living in the middle of Silicon Valley, home of innovation and ideas, there is very little competition in the broadband internet service market. My choices are limited, my prices high. In the midst of that, comes Sonic.net, a true home grown internet provider. They provide a quality of service beyond any of the big name providers I've used in the past. They are growing a hometown fiber network, and bringing real competition to a space dominated by a few players.

The business model that enabled them to grow as a provider, to become a true, community-oriented choice for the consumer, would be impossible if big broadband had their way. Competition is key to the market, key to consumers, key to growing communities. They provide a option to rural communities, a choice in urban communities, and force innovation by the big players.

If it came down to it, I'd choose no internet over the big providers. Sonic.net allows me to have service from a company I legitimately love, providing a service I need, and with a quality of service to consumer and community which would be totally absent without competition in the broadband space.

Please allow this competition to continue. The American Dream is built from the idea that anyone can make a mark, improve a market, provide a service, better their lives, and yours, and mine. Don't let it be further crushed by those who would eliminate any competition to their already dominant market positions.

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