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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,

Several years ago I chose Sonic as my broadband provider for many reasons including:

- Smaller company with excellent live customer service (as opposed to endless Voice Mail menus)
- Locally- based company (I live I the San Francisco Bay Area)
- More regard for privacy issues than the huge corporations
- Decent prices that do not included unexpected add-ons or hikes

As I occasionally work from home good broadband is critical for time-base projects. I imagine this would be critical for people in more rural areas.

Broadband competition is necessary for most of us.

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