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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Having a locally-owned, locally operated DSL provider (e.g., Sonic) is a godsend in terms of one-on-one, personalised customer service that's reasonably priced. This is in stark contrast to the cold aloofness of a corporate monopoly (e.g., AT&T) that's prone to price gouging by fiat.

Also, having a competitive telephone service (e.g., Sonic's landline/DSL package) is a great backup for when cell service is down.

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