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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 writing to let you know that I am a new and very happy fiber customer with Sonic. The service I am using now is about half the cost of my cable bundle (internet/cable/phone) and the service is much faster and more consistent. I see it as a grand step forward.

But it is my understanding that other countries across in Europe and Asia have had access to faster internet speeds for years while most Americans still are forced to use yesterday's technology.

Here are the rankings Wikipedia at megabits per second (mp/s) South Korea 28, Norway 23, Sweden, 22, Hong Kong 21, Switzerland 21, Japan, Denmark and then the USA at 18. If we are the designers and inventors of most of this technology why are we so far behind?

Competition is key to moving us beyond corporate monopolies seeking to keep up trapped in old, proprietary, 2nd rate systems.

It is my hope that you will embrace competition for all the above reasons. America deserves the fastest internet available!

Sincerely,

Derek Blevins