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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,

My broadband provider of the last 2 years is a small but growing company, Sonic, located in Santa Rosa CA. They provide excellent service at a high-rate of speed at a reasonable cost so I am a firm believer in the benefits of broadband competition.

Prior to Sonic, I used AT&T as my broadband provider. This was a nightmare while using their services in both Oakland and San Francisco. I moved into SF 8 years ago, and the best service I could receive from AT&T was 1.5 mbps, which was like dial-up as I added items which required broadband access. When I complained to AT&T about this, I was told I was too far from their SF Central Office to receive higher service. So I'm in one of the most technology-oriented cities of the world, and can't get enough access to meet my needs. What's wrong with this picture?

I obviously jumped at the chance to leave AT&T to get increased access - about 60x higher and to support a local but fast-growing company that cared enough to keep services going without interruption when Santa Rosa was hit by massive fires last October. I use my broadband service for my business (I am an employment recruiter) and for the personal needs of myself and 2 other people in my home. it is vital that competitive providers continue to have their current bridge to broadband for all of us that CHOOSE to use them.

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