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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 chose to switch to Sonic as soon as they became available in my neighborhood because I was sick of the slow DSL service that according to the company could be sped up only by paying more for a faster package. AT&T had me locked in. I read the reviews about the other big companies and people did not seem any happier. Sonic installed the fiber service and the speed is better even when we have added more devices to our house network. Monthly bill is significantly less and my phone is bundled in. This was a win, win, win situation for me.

To summarize, because a competitor was able to come in and establish service in my city neighborhood, I have faster internet that can carries more devices without being dropped, for less money than previously. Sonic has even proactively upgraded my equipment. My previous providers never did that.

Everyone, whether they live in a city or in a rural community deserves a real choice in their provider. We need an informed and educated population. Online learning through edX and Coursera has been critical to my professional development. My children have taken online classes through Stanford and Apex learning to supplement their public school education, not to mention the countless Khan Academy videos they have watched. The public school district as well as the private schools use the internet not only for classroom teaching, but to post assignments, and receive assignments through Google Classroom and other platforms. A student without access to reliable internet at home has a huge disadvantage.

Keep prices down by encouraging a competitive marketplace. Keep fast reliable internet available to everyone, not just the wealthy.

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