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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,

Before the advent of Sonic, a fiber-optic provider based in Santa Rosa, California, I had no real options for up-to-date Internet service. Comcast, our cable option, was notoriously slow. In purchasing a built-in home entertainment system, the installer politely warned us to avoid Comcast. Unfortunately, with little choice, we had to stick with them for a while. And AT&T, our DSL option, was so slow, I was surprised the renowned company wasn't embarrassed.

Sonic has been a godsend. Thanks to them, we have 21st-century speeds. This is essential. Not just for me personally, but for the nation's economy and our general competitiveness.

I frequently use voice recognition in my work. This is one of many technologies that are increasingly broadband-reliant. Again, thanks to Sonic, the accuracy and responsiveness of the dictation feature built into the Apple OS is much more robust.

We need to maximize competition in broadband.

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