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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,

Competition is essential for ensuring compelling market options for consumers and businesses and to ensure the United States defends and expands its innovation leadership and high standard of living. Internet access in the US is sadly not at the same level as our overall global position and not where we aspire to be as a society and nation.

I feel strongly companies like Sonic have brought high speed Internet to consumers and business and forced the monopolistic large vendors to be more competitive in their offerings. If you have any doubt, try to cancel service from a large network or cable provider and see how quickly they lower their package prices. They do not do this without a compelling event. The result where they do have lock-in is stifling innovation and access, and therefore holding the US back.

The result today from the competition in my market is I have superior Internet service at a lower cost. This has enabled me to adopt fiber to my home which otherwise would not have been possible.

Please ensure we foster a competitive marketplace and not allow price hikes that disadvantage new providers.

Thank you.

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