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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 a customer of Sonic.net in Sonoma County, CA. I first became a customer a number of years ago with DSL service. Two years ago fiber optic service through Sonic became available and I switched to that.

I chose Sonic because they are a local provider. Their main office is only several miles from my home. All of their support people are employed locally and are knowledgeable and unfailingly polite. The service is so local, in fact, that I actually had a visit one day from the company's president, Dane Jasper, while fiber optic service was being installed in my neighborhood. In the past I've been a customer of both AT&T and Comcast and wanted to both support local economy and have service with a local company. I've never regretted it.

Until my retirement I was an attorney, and having internet service at my home was critical. I'm now an author, and having internet service is equally indispensable to me.

Sonic also provides our phone service. The fee for this is modest and the service is excellent.

I support competition in the field of providing broadband and fiber optic service because the health of any economic component in our society is based upon fostering creativity. And the more providers there are for any service, the more likely it is that consumers will benefit from the point of view of cost and quality of service.

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