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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 have been a customer of a small broadband ISP (Sonic) for 6 months and I can honestly say I have never been more satisfied with my internet service in my adult life. I had always been forced to use my cable provider for internet access (Comcast) and paid far too much to get internet speeds that were not guaranteed. Now, I get consistent speeds that are a minimum of 4-times faster. This is becoming more important as we need reliable access to the internet than ever before. We use it for entertainment, communication, information, and even safety. It's critical to ensure no one company has control over access to this essential resource. Changing to a higher speed (fiber optic) service has also allowed me to save even more on my television bills by switching to streaming services, and away from bundled packages that contained more channels that I \_didn't watch\_, than channels that I did watch.

These past 6 months have spoiled me with consistent, fast service. I am currently in the process of relocating my family to a more rural area for work, and the options are virtually non-existent. I'll be forced to go back to a cable provider (again... Comcast), my speeds won't be reliable, and I'll have to spend more on a traditional television package again.

This is why it's so important to have policies that promote competition, promote small businesses, and promote reliable fast internet to all areas country, not just the big cities.

Please save the Bridge 2 Broadband!

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