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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,

What, or who, would be served if you take away competition among internet and phone service providers? Not me, nor my community! I made a decision several years ago to join and support independent internet and phone service. Why? Because I was fed up with the increasing cost, lack of service and indifference to my concerns shown by AT&T. Comcast was out of consideration, not only did I not want cable, but mainly because friends and neighbors who got caught up with Comcast had nothing but complaints about the expense and wretched service.

The only winners, if the FCC proceeds to eliminate independent broadband providers will be the corporate giants; I certainly will not be well served - experience has shown that. Local broadband providers, like SONIC.net, are essential to local users. They are expanding the use of fibre optics in San Francisco, a technology that is eagerly awaited. Meanwhile, I shall continue to receive local and long-distance phone service and internet connection through SONIC.net and shall urge family and friends to do so as well.

I want to be free to choose the service that suits my needs best; I've found it with a local independent, service oriented, affordable option: SONIC.net. I always know that technical support is readily available and that when I talk to someone they are local and know what they are talking about and that they are easily understood. Just try to get service from AT&T; I have had the unfortunate experience of spending time being transferred from one button to another and from operator to another operator without any satisfactory or even comprehensible answer.

Please do not capitulate to the demands of large corporations!

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