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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 used to have AT&T DSL for many, many years. Recently my service became very erratic. I called for service, they upgraded the equipment but still my internet service would cut out while I was streaming videos (that's the way I watch tv these days).

Many of my neighbors told me they were very pleased with Sonic, a local startup company. So in my frustration with AT&T I decided to switch. Having a choice of providers is critical to me. If I did not have a choice I would have no other recourse but to stay with AT&T.

I love Sonic! How many people can say that about their internet provider? The people are really nice and caring. And they are a local business! I like to support local businesses as much as possible. That is very important to me as a consumer.

As a senior citizen on a fixed income I think competition is healthy and necessary. No monopolies please!

Thank you for your attention.

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