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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 an essential element to a capitalistic society, without competition it become corporations versus consumers and the historical evidence is clear who wins in that scenario. The services provided by local providers like Sonic are essential to ensuring America stays relevant by providing all citizens with a competitive marketplace ensuring highspeed fiber internet and similar services remain available at competitive rates with fair profits for providers. This service I receive ensures my ability to work, maintain connection to my community, and educate myself on current events and happenings around the world.

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