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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 chose Sonic as my ISP because they offer excellent internet and landline phone services at the lowest price in my area. I had a choice, and thanks to the existence of competition, I was able consider all the options and choose the best deal. Sonic has consistently been the best, both financially and service-wise for many years.

As a college professor, I need broadband to deal with numerous aspects of my work, and I appreciate being able to use a local company with skilled employees who actually live in the area, speak with customers on the phone, and, if necessary, come out to the house. AT&T and Verizon can't touch this local company when it comes to prices and service!

I can't fathom why you would even consider accepting a petition by US Telecom to dismantle the Telecommunications Act and bridge to bridge broadband! This would negatively affect many residential customers by increasing the cost of internet and telephone service.

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