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Via ECFS
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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 long-time consumer of connected home computing services...starting in the early '80s with a 1200 baud modem and increasing my bandwidth as the technology improved...i.e., 2400, 9600, 14,400, 28,800 56k, ADSL, Comcast cable, and finally Sonic gigabit internet and phone. Each of these iterations was a welcomed improvement...but Sonic has been the most impressive and cost effective provider of broadband services of them all.

Comcast had a good package, with phone, TV, and internet provided and I was their customer for years...but Comcast seemed to feel they could raise their prices significantly beyond the rate of inflation, year after year, and that we, their customers, were a captive market with no alternate provider to go to.

But then along came Sonic. It's amazing what Sonic has been able to do in San Francisco and the Bay Area. They've got their crews stringing fiber everywhere, on the poles throughout the city...and then to individual residences...fiber to the living room! Gigabit fiber!

No one else seemed willing to take the risk and pony up the investment to get fiber everywhere...not AT&T, not PacBell, and certainly not Comcast. Sonic had the vision and the confidence in their business plan to make a significant difference in the Bay Area's communication environment.

I believe it's critical that this type of innovation and investment be not only authorized but encouraged by the FCC. We are all better for it.

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