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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 a competitive provider, Sonic, in the Alameda county area because they were offering the best price for my needs, and I wanted to have a close connection with my internet provider (also, I did not like Comcast, the only major provider in the area). Sonic is a broadband provider, and I have been exceptionally happy with them. As someone living states away from my loved ones, broadband internet is integral for connecting me to my family. As a young professional, it is critical for me to have the option to work from home. I also strongly support net neutrality, and as Sonic has committed to that cause, I have committed to them.

USTelecom says there is effectively no UNE-based competition in the market place, but this is a stone cold lie, entirely fabricated to serve their interests. I get internet from one of them every month. So do millions of other Americans.

The market spoke, and I chose to put my dollars behind Sonic. I should have the right to do that in a capitalist society, not be railroaded into using Comcast because they and Time Warner have donated the most money.

Please, do not use your considerable power to tread on companies like Sonic in the interest of larger companies. This would materially affect me, in no uncertain terms.

Thank you for your time, and god bless,

Nicholas Brown