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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,

How did it come to this? When did capitalism become favoritism, and personal greed take over politics? I don't know, but I do know that income and wealth inequality is no accident. Do we want to change this?

I believe it begins with making simple decisions about who you are, and what's most important to you. Then it extends to your beliefs about the world, and the narrative that drives you each and every day. One of those stories is about capitalism and free markets.

Do you subscribe to true capitalism, where competition gives consumers and small businesses options? And hopefully that makes for a tough call between two or three great providers and services, but this is not the case, is it? Unfortunately, this is a country where many people who have wealth have more power, and many businesses wield profane power over so-called public servants.

Specifically in telecom, internet, and cable television, we are relegated to a few monopoly-like companies. And if memory serves, they did not get to this stature on their own dime -- there were bestowed subsidies and favors, funded by tax payers like me, and my father and grandfather before me.

In the United States, internet access should be a right, not a privilege. The more we limit access through price hikes, the more we inhibit a citizen's ability to educate themselves, produce value, and contribute to society in meaningful ways. This is obvious.

Right now, I overpay for internet. But I choose to overpay to Sonic (my provider) for a better future. I believe in their promise in delivering better, private, and faster internet to everyone. But it takes resources to do that, and I believe they're doing it the right way -- through the market. Until we get money out of politics completely, we have to decide, as a country and a system, who we really are. And that begins with individuals like you and me.

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