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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years, the only choice I had for affordable telephone and broadband was AT&T DSL whose download speed was capped at 3 Mbps but in reality averaged 2.0 Mbps due to limitations of DSL. This unfortunate situation persisted for years and the DSL connection became inadequate for new content and services as technology and the web evolved. This eventually became a problem as the slow speeds would bottleneck connections I needed to do my job.

The only other choice for a faster connection was cable with Comcast whose plans were more expensive, carried download caps, and, as a company, had a known reputation for consumer unfriendly practices. It wasn't until another local competitive provider, Sonic.net, introduced phone & 1G fiber connectivity at a similar price point in our neighborhood that affordable and fast broadband could be possible.

Without local broadband competition, consumers like myself would not have an alternative to choose a local provider like Sonic.net who offers affordable faster connections, stronger privacy protections, and excellent customer service over the big telcos.

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