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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 live in a rural community & rely on broadband for both my home & busniss. AT&T was formerly my provider of expensive & slow internet. Since changing to Sonic, a local provider, several years ago my internet speed is way up & the monthly cost much lower (about half of what ATT charged). We need competition in this marketplace, not monopolies.

Sonic also provides my telephone service. Do not block competition.

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