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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,

Affordable internet today is a basic need. It is in the same area as Food, Water, and Power. Long gone are days when just landlines were a basic need. In order for US to stay competitive and be the leading power in the world, the younger generation whether rich or poor need to be empowered with cutting edge internet connections so these bright minds can be shaped to be future leaders. The local ISP providers such as Sonic offer a great value proposition for value conscious consumers who don't want to overpay for internet at home but still avail its benefits.

Further competition from these providers will only make giant corporation such as Comcast and AT&T more innovative in providing more value for money to there elite clientele who may be willing to pay more. It is thus in best interest for US to have an eco-system to with local ISP providers and giants so everyone wins!

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