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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 have chosen to support local broadband competition instead of big telecom because I believe that the arrival of Sonic (my local telecom company) has been a boon for my local community. After their arrival, not only have I received better customer service and internet service, I see that big companies like Comcast, and AT&T have improved their internet services and prices in response of the competition.

Without competition, I'm sure that these big companies would still be content in providing mediocre service at an unreasonable price (\$60+ dollars for less than 25mbps) . I need Sonic to not only provide me fiber internet which is not offered by any of its competitor in this area, but I also love the fact that they provide it at a reasonable price (around \$73 a month in total after factoring taxes and telephone costs).

You may think that fiber is unnecessary since streaming only needs around 10 mbps or so, but think about this, 25mbps split between an average household of 4 people; that's too many jars, and not enough lids. Not to mention that as more and more households items become 'smart' (using wifi, imagine Alexa for example), more things will need to be connected to a strong internet with plenty of bandwidth. Frankly, that is something I'm extremely worried about if big telecom runs my local community. I can imagine throttling of bandwidth and speeds in order to save themselves more money or charging extra fees for something that I'm already provided now at a fair price!

Lastly, having a local telecom company provide fiber internet to my household when big telecom won't is not only a part of the American dream, but should be one of the things us Americans should be proud about. Not only is the little guy that's from no where making a name for him/herself, s/he is providing a superior service for us Americans too! To be honest, plenty of other nations already have gigabit internet (Korea, Japan, etc.) and I don't want America to fall behind.

I love America and I hope you do too. Please continue supporting local telecom companies that provide fiber internet service.

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