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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,

Please deny USTelecom's Petition for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to
Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks.

1. I am a small business and Sonic was the only provider who would connect my business to copper. AT&T was going to require me to pay for the cost to run fiber from the basement to my office on the 14th floor, otherwise they would not connect my business for service.

2. I live in a community that is not served by broadband. I have begged and pleaded with AT&T and Comcast since 1996, to provide service. To no avail. This, despite the fact that there fiber runs within 200 feet of my house, and across my property. The last offer was to connect my house for \$180,000. No, that is not a mistake I said \$180,000. Perhaps not unsurprisingly I declined the offer. No large provider is going to get me broadband. Is going to cost them money and unless and until some government entity forces them to provide service to those of us who live in rural communities only potential hope as if some of the smaller providers can compete to try and get a service.

The FCC and the large providers have completely forsaken smaller communities in the United States. It is clear that the FCC and the larger providers have no intent whatsoever to provide service to us, or to require the providers to get us broadband. For once, please, stand up, do what's right, and deny USTelecom's petition for forbearance. My business will be directly affected if this petition is granted, and I stand absolutely no chance of ever getting broadband service at my home if this petition is granted. Deny it.

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