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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,

The intention of the 1996 Telecommunications Act was to promote competition and give smaller, innovative ISPs access to the marketplace and give consumers a low-cost choice to the behemoth telecoms that have dominated for decades, with governmental support. I and the small nonprofit organization I work for depend on Sonic.net for affordable, reliable internet and voice communication. I still rely on DSL, in part because big providers have used their monopoly or duopoly power to limit or stall expansion of high-speed fiber. I continue to use a landline, which I consider essential to living in the earthquake-prone San Francisco Bay Area.

We chose Sonic for its service and outstanding customer support, something woefully lacking from AT&T, Comcast and other multibillion-dollar companies. Do the right thing: Preserve genuine competition and support small firms that provide essential, high-quality internet service. Reject the USTelecom Forebearance Petition

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