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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'm a software engineer, I work from home, and reliable, uncapped broadband is crucial for my livelihood. I've been a Sonic customer since 2001.

The service I buy from the competitive Sonic is delivered using AT&T infrastructure. If I bought the equivalent broadband service from AT&T, they are known to sell my browsing history to marketing firms, invading my privacy, and my service would be subject to a monthly cap. This would make it impossible for me to work from home.

Sonic includes VOIP phone service with their home broadband products. Sonic's "landlines" have proven reliable in many years of service, and my elderly house-bound mother relies upon it everyday. AT&T charges extra for a "landline".

Viewed from a customer's perspective, there is a huge difference between the incumbent AT&T, and the competitive Sonic.

I've avoided Comcast due to their unreliability and billing practices. Comcast anecdotes abound online.

I personally think that the broadband market in the US is not competitive. If we had real competition in US broadband, Comcast would fix their billing practices and AT&T would rescind their data caps. Neither of these policies has any technical justification; they do it "because they can", and it's more profitable.

We need more competition, not less. Please deny the petition from USTelecom; it's a naked attempt to consolidate their near-monopoly on residential broadband.

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