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Via ECFS
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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 receive internet service through a relatively small provider in Santa Rosa, California. Our provider, Sonic.net, has an excellent reputation in our area, and that is why I switched from AT&T a few years ago. Since then I've been very happy with their service.

AT&T had been steadily raising their prices for service, and I was paying well over \$100 a month just for a land line and internet. I found their customer service difficult to deal with, and since I'm not very tech-savvy it was very frustrating for me.

Sonic is sooo much better. We get phone service with free long distance to selected areas and fast, reliable internet. When I have any kind of a problem with the internet, or with the streaming video services that I use, I can reach a competent Sonic technician within minutes. The cost of all this to myself and my family is only two-thirds of what we used to pay.

It is, in my opinion, wrong for the giant telecom corporations to claim that the sort of de-regulation they are asking for will not hurt competition. Of course it will, and that's the point! If Sonic service became unavailable to me and I had to go back to AT&T it would be a hostage situation. Don't give them the power to stamp out our local ISPs.

Sincerely,

Royce Brier