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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,

As a residential customer, my address is being served by only two providers -- Sonic and ATT on DSL, and comcast on cable

Both ATT and comcast has charges way above that of Sonic -- I pay around \$40+taxes for Sonic. For both ATT and comcast, it is around \$60+taxes for similar speeds. Also, ATT and comcast have been cutting off the low (10Mbps or near) speeds. I am a tech savvy user and not ready to swallow the sales pitch of both these bigwigs that I need more bandwidth -- simply because I do not need it and don't want to pay money for the bandwidth that I don't use

I think this example is amply sufficient why customers like me need to have small players like sonic to serve our needs

I hope you will heed my request as well as the thousands of small business/residential customers who would opine similarly. I strongly request that you do not grant the recent petition put forward by telecom bigwigs like ATT, Verizon ... et al., to dismantle the 1996 telecom act's key components

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