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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 USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to ask you to support broadband competition. I am grateful to have been able to switch from AT&T to Sonic.net. Without smaller companies like Sonic.net showing them how to provide service to customers, and demonstrating that you can still make a healthy profit without overcharging your customers, AT&T would have less concern about measuring up.

My wife and I need broadband at our home for both business and personal use. AT&T only gave me excuses for why they couldn't give me faster speeds; I only got 6mb download speed from them. Sonic.net, using the same lines as AT&T, gave me an instant boost to 7mb. Then they re-routed the phone lines under my house -- FOR FREE -- and got me up to 10mb! And charged me less money for the upgrade!

Now, some years later, Sonic.net has brought fiber to my neighborhood. I finally feel like I am keeping up with the rest of the world. So while AT&T couldn't be bothered with my densely populated, highly educated area, sonic.net came to our rescue.

I ask you, don't make it harder for great broadband companies to emerge and thrive; make it easier!

Thank you.

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