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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 signed up to cut the cable and try out service from a local ISP provider because I was intrigued that I could receive internet and sign up with independent content providers and save money.

But what I experienced was slow and disrupted TV shows. I dropped service from Sonic because I felt like my left-leaning shows that I was watching was being hacked because whenever the host was saying something provocative, my service got disrupted.

I don't blame Sonic, though I don't have any doubt that politics in Santa Rosa are different than they are in San Francisco. I blame the government for rolling back protections against providers disrupting lower tiers of service.

As long as cable companies wield the power to force consumers like me to pay \$150/month for basic TV and internet service, smaller companies like Sonic won't be able to succeed with their \$40 offer but will be forced to charge \$60 and consumers like me won't be able to patch together acceptable service for less than \$100 per month.

Please increase, not decrease competition for offering acceptable service for less than \$100 month.

I cancelled Sonic and went back to Comcast. They forced me to sign a 2 year contract to initiate service.

This is wrong.

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