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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 used to be an AT&T customer for land line and internet. When they began lying to me in violation of their DSL service agreement, I began searching for a competitive provider. Sonic proved to be the only provider in my service area that was not a giant TELCOM provider engaged in much the same practices.

Straightforward, no nonsense, honest, and reliable Internet service is a vital alternative to the deceptive, monopolistic practices encountered in the major TELCOM marketplace.

Independent minded, discerning users are out here, and need to be considered in your deliberations. Just because the giant TELCOM companies wish they were our only alternatives does not mean you are obligated to make it so.

Internet users are not all part of the same pie, and the giant, faceless, uncaring, and duplicitous TLCOM companies do not have the right to carve us up into slices that they get to divvy up and devour. We are entitled to real choices, not just to pick from plans where the only difference is the logo on the router and where we send the check.

Please allow us substantive choices in our Internet service.

The FCC, and the American public would be better served if your agency more closely considered the business plan of independent providers such as Sonic. Compare them to the cut-out cookies provided by the major carriers. You will find practices that actually benefit customers, not just the few crumbs that the giants can spare on their march to corporate and shareholder profits.

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