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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 chose my provider, Sonic, in order to have the fastest internet in my area for a fraction of the cost of the Big ISPs, those being Comcast and AT&T. We had Comcast Xfinity and were paying too much and got speeds way less than what we were paying for. However, if we went with the cheaper package, we got speeds that were unusable. And with Comcast, we were forced to rent a modem and router. We even had to pay for a home phone that wasn't even plugged in to get our price. Anytime we had issues (which seemed on to be on a monthly basis), we had to call and wait an easy half hour to an hour to get a solution that was all on the side of the ISP. It was ridiculous.

With Sonic, the only time we had an issue was when we moved houses. We were not charged for moving homes nor forced to rent equipment. It's a much better experience. It's a mandatory speed, too, since my sister relies on her photo business to make her living; her business requires constant access to the internet and high speeds to upload her massive, high-quality photo files. I'm a college student and have 4/5 classes online. I need the internet and cannot afford the prices that come with from Comcast and the other big ISPs. I need reliability so I can pass my classes and graduate to make a living.

Increasing the cost of the internet would make my future worse and could inhibit me getting a degree. Along with that, college tuition is very expensive, along with the textbooks, supplies. The price of the internet shouldn't be ridiculous because, if it was, I would have to drop out.

My life depends on competitive telecoms and without my ISP, Sonic, I would be in a worse place in life.

FCC is here to help democracy, prevent monopolies, and to help the consumer. If competitive telecoms had to disappear, you would be essentially creating a monopoly of ISPs everywhere. It's illegal.

So please, do your job and save competitive telecoms for a better future, and to give me, and millions others, a better life.

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