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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 both a medical professional and communication services consumer, I am writing to express my support for broadband competition. A competitive marketplace promotes better services, lower prices, and ensures that healthy choices are available to consumers.

Monopolies allow for and promote reduced services (especially for rural communities) and unchallenged price hikes for both broadband internet and telephone service.

I believe in thinking and shopping locally. By choosing Sonic, a local internet and telephone provider, I am receiving better service for a lower cost, and (most importantly) from a local business. Local businesses are more responsive to and aware of their customers' needs and problems.

To reiterate, please save competitive broadband and telephone.

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