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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,

Like most Americans, for much of my life, I have not had much choice in my selection of ISPs. Finally, I live in an area where a small ISP named Sonic has been able to provide me with a service I trust and rely on to conduct business, serve inspiration, and stay informed. As Sonic continues to grow and serve more customers, the competition creates a fertile ground for innovation and growth not just for Sonic but for the entire communications sector. Without competition, there would be little incentive for a large business to continue to innovate and serve its customers.

Broadband providers exist in one of the most critically important areas of technology: communication. Don't let this sector become another sad byproduct of deregulation (airlines). Let's keep our citizens happy and excited to stay engaged with society and cutting edge technology. This is how we use capitalism to drive forward progress and continue to be a great country with great thinkers and ideas. If we place all the power in the hands of the few, it will stifle morale and progress, and the rest of the world will pass us by.

Thank you for letting my voice be heard in this platform we call democracy.

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