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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 am a customer of Sonic (a local provider) and I use them here in California to provide me a dedicated landline with internet service. This line will still be operational in the case of emergency even if power is generally lost. I live in earthquake country and always need emergency access to the phone system because I have custody of my 16-year old special needs son. if we should have an earthquake or other natural disaster, it is extremely important to me that telephone communication will be available to me to ensure that he is safe even if we are not together.

Sonic provides a high-quality, local service at an excellent low price. Many of my professional colleagues recommended this service when I was looking for a service to replace the poor quality of SBC (our main local carrier) customer support and service. I have been very happy with them and would very much regret either Sonic's disappearance from the market or a substantial rise in their rates.

Please do not remove this competition from the telecommunications landscape.

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