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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**

To the Federal Communications Commission:

I am a small business that operates mostly via the internet so having fast, reliable, and affordable broadband internet service is instrumental to my ability to function. My business productivity has been notably improved by the fast and reliable internet service provided by Sonic. Before I was able to switch to Sonic my only real option was Comcast, which provided a small fraction of the connection speed Sonic provides (and significantly less than the speed they advertised) with no customer support, for more than twice the cost. If the USTelecom petition is passed, it will dismantle critical components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and destroy the ability of smaller companies like Sonic to compete with boated monopolies like Comcast.

I urge the FCC to reject the USTelecom petition and save competition among internet service providers for the good of the nation's entire internet-based economy.

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