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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 consumer and I strongly support broadband competition. I switched to Sonic.net several years ago after many, many years of being fed up, dissatisfied, and angry with AT&T. I made a vow to disconnect myself completely from AT&T and never do business with them again. Not an easy task, since they are everywhere, bought up everything and own everything. I heard about Sonic, and wonder of wonders, they were considerably cheaper than ATT and pleasant and competent to deal with.

Additionally, I relied on an antennae for 2 years just to get out from under Comcast, another odious company with a cable monopoly over the entire region where I live.

I am very pleased with Sonic, and unlike the aforementioned monopolistic companies, Sonic's customer service is superb. I feel good about my telephone service and my internet connection and I particularly feel good about never having to interact with ATT at all, ever. If Sonic is squeezed out of the market and is kept from competing it will be a terrible loss to the freedom of communication and commerce and a healthy competitive market. All I want, and what everyone I know wants, is the ability to choose among many and not be shafted by repellent monopolies like ATT. Competition breeds economy and fairness for the consumer. It is critical to preserve, protect and promote competition in this arena.

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