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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 writing in support of broadband competition because I have seen the need for it in my own experience. For a long time we were saddled with slow and expensive DSL service at our home until, finally, last year Sonic routed fiber lines into our neighborhood making a true high speed internet connection available to us for the first time and at a very reasonable price.

My wife and I rely on high speed internet at our home because we both run separate sole-proprietor businesses that are enabled by fast and reliable internet service to access cloud-based online business software. Without the speed, reliability and ethical business practices of Sonic, our businesses would be much more challenging to operate w/o employees.

Please do not allow US Telecom to gut the consumer protections of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. "Little guys" like my wife and I rely on the effective competition that the Act enables. Don't let the biggest and wealthiest carriers continue to offer second class services at high prices by hobbling competition in the internet service industry.

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