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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,

We switched from Earthlink to Sonic, in order to have an Internet provider which is locally owned and takes pride in protecting its users. We later switched to fiber, which is much faster and more reliable.

Competitive, equal broadband access is essential to the constitutional principles of free speech. This is a basic need for business, education, and home usage. It is crucial to those who work from home (thus reducing carbon usage).

Please make sure all Internet providers have equal access to our utilities and the cables which run through our public right of ways, and particularly those conventionally associated with the telephone networks. They provide a public service and should not be privately controlled.

-- Tovar

(who ran one of the first four UNIX machines on what has become the Internet, in 1975, and has made numerous contributions to UNIX and LINUX system software.)

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