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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 urge you to reject the USTelecom petition which essentially gets rid of competition. That kind of monopoly will produce price increases of internet & telephone services and let's face it: bad customer service as the incentive to progress & improve will not be the pressure of competition. I have been a customer of SONIC for a while now and appreciate the fact that they are also local.

Since a lot of us are forced to work out of our houses, due to the downward spiral of the economy & the country, having a responsible company who defends net neutrality is REALLY IMPORTANT to many of us.

Thank you.

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