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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 a consumer and a small business owner who has chosen Sonic.net, a smaller alternative provider to a national provider like AT&T, for my internet needs.

One of many reasons for this is that they provide the most phenomenal customer service I've ever experienced in an internet provider for a competitive price. My previous experiences with both Comcast and AT&T have been appallingly awful, and I prefer to support local companies whenever possible.

Further, Sonic.net has invested a large portion of their profits into expanding fiber service throughout our community, something which the major telecom providers have received ample federal funding for, but which they have not actually provided.

It is important to me that you do not allow the petition to dismantle components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I'm sure that myself and many others in my community would be deleteriously impacted by the effects of such action.

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