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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,

Several years ago, service from AT&T was such a poor in our Palo Alto neighborhood, for both DSL and phone, that we shopped around and found Sonic.net. Our cost for the same services was cut nearly in half, reliability improved, and customer service (rarely needed) improved immeasurably. What we had suspected was confirmed, that AT&T was far more interested in our money than in our satisfaction.

Now I understand AT&T is among the fat-cats lobbying to the government to shut down carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to provide service in the residential marketplace. And I understand their claim is that no one will be affected. That's simply not true. In our area, Sonic.net provides a refreshingly straightforward, affordable alternative to AT&T's screw-the-user approach.

The FCC should be working to prevent monopolistic practices in telecom. Please don't let us down. We are among the many retired people in Palo Alto living on tight budgets. If AT&T wants our business, they should have to earn the privilege by providing good value.

Sincerely,

Mike Alexancer