

Michael Grace
2204 McGee Ave
Berkeley CA 94703

Jun 18th 2019

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,

It is vital that access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements remain open to independent internet service providers such as Sonic. Without that free access, I--like many residential customers--will be materially affected in our access to broadband networking at competitive prices.

I'm a customer of a competitive provider, Sonic Internet. I chose Sonic because they offered a better product at a better price, and with better support. I've heard from other customers in other areas where there is little-to-no competition that their options are poor.

It's vital that choice and competition be protected. Without competition, large players such as Verizon, Comcast, et al. are free to offer poor service and force everyone to pay a high, uncompetitive price for that poor service. Access to high-speed broadband has been vital--not optional--for me personally and professionally.

Please don't kill competition in the residential ISP arena!

Thanks in advance for your attention.

Michael Grace