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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,

This message is to ask you to not approve the petition from USTelecom to dismantle many of the key components of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. If approved, it's very likely that my ISPm Sonic.net, headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA, will be driven out of business. My family will be forced to choose between AT&T and Comcast. Both charge high prices and have absolutely terrible customer service. (We are refugees from many years of AT&T broadband "service.")

Sonic.net is small, responsive, and has terrific customer service. Their prices are below either of the competitors. That's because they are a pure ISP that does not insist that we buy bundled internet, telephone, and/or cable tv packages. We booted cable tv out of our house decades ago and refuse to allow its return.

My wife and I use our DSL service every single day for our work. I am currently writing, directing, performing, and editing a series of videos for a major textbook publisher. The videos explain about 75 of the graphs in each of several economics textbooks. Without affordable broadband, I would most likely have to give up this business. My wife also produces videos for her local politics website. She, too, would be limited in her ability to cover local issues since her site is not profitable.

In addition, I have just agreed to teach a principles of economics course during the fall semester at a local university. Expected enrollment is 160. I use several online courst management systems, including one that handles all aspects of homework. If I am forced to pay more for broadband, I might well give up this opportunity.

Let me quote from Sonic.net's information about the petition from USTelecom:

"In short: They are claiming that residential consumers (thats you!) will not be affected, because there are no carriers (thats Sonic!) who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

USTelecoms claim is false. Sonic residential subscribers do exist, and our members would be

"materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; continued access to UNE services is a key part of our business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members.

Today, one third of you are using our fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, we won't be able to compete on an even footing. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of our fiber networks."

Please reject this petition.

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