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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 chose Sonic as my competitive provider for internet access.

USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned you to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. For a quick overview on what this means, watch the video here:

I understand you are still considering this issue, but will soon decide on the fate of competing telecom carriers like Sonic. More specifically, you will determine whether to cater to incumbent providers and cut off competitive access, limiting my ability to choose Sonic.

In short: USTelecom is claiming that residential consumers like me 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 would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; continued access to UNE services is a key part of Sonic's 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 Sonic customers are using their fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, they wont 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.

A competitive market ensures that consumers like me will have access to better prices. Incumbent carriers want to change that, and limit my access to choose the best possible service at the best possible price (like Sonic).

Sonic offers me great service at an affordable price. Please let this continue.

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