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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 get my affordable, fiber-based internet through Sonic, a company in California. Nobody else would service me at a price I could afford because they all want to sell bundled packages so they charge more if you just get Internet. I am 60, and this is the first time Ive had internet.

USTelecom/ATT are claiming that residential consumers will not be affected because there are no carriers like Sonic who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. This is a lie. I exist, my neighbors exist and we use phone lines to get our internet service with fast DSL technology THROUGH COPPER LINES!! Save the local companies who do more for the little guy than ATT ever would.

Thank you,

Karen Escobar