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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,

Last year, I switched our home internet service and phone service to Sonic - a competitive carrier that depends on UNEs to compete in the residential market - from cable internet (Comcast) and copper landline (AT&T)

My internet service is about 10 times faster at a much lower cost than my previous service. My phone service is free for long distance calls and includes caller ID. So, my competitive carrier is providing better features at a better price.

Without continued access to UNE services, Sonic may not be able to continue to provide residential service. This would mean a loss of competition, and I would be forced to go back to the large carriers and pay higher prices for fewer features.

I urge you to research the actual market in the US, and not rely on the large carriers' trade association statements regarding the impact of eliminating UNE. It is just NOT TRUE that this would have no material impact on any consumers.

The move from a monopoly to competition in the telecom market over the past 40 years has unleashed innovation and lower prices. Please do not go backwards to the days of one or two large carriers owning the entire market.

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