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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 am writing to let you know that I support broadband competition, and I urge you to resist USTelecom's efforts to dismantle key parts of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

As a supporter of a small, regional internet service provider, I am aware of what a lack of competition would do to my service. It would mean increased rates and poorer service. As it is, Sonic, my provider, provides high quality fiber to the home at a reasonable price. Before adopting their fiber offering, I used DSL over copper. The transformation from DSL to fiber has been remarkable in terms of speed, stability, and reliability.

I fear that the efforts proposed by USTelecom will stifle the type of innovation exhibited by Sonic and other local providers. These companies are succeeding stringing fiber and using unbundled copper to deliver a higher-quality product. If you looked at the local adoption of Sonic's fiber product for those who are given a choice, you'd see a high penetration of satisfied customers. In San Francisco in particular, Sonic has been massively successful.

I urge you to preserve the capability of these small and regional providers who currently use unbundled copper and are stringing fiber. Their need to access UNE services is a key aspect to their ability to provide customers with cost-effective reliable internet access.

Thank you.

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