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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 just learned that AT&T, Verizon, and others are seeking to have portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act altered or removed, claiming that the changes won't materially affect anybody.

I beg to differ. I am a customer of Sonic Internet services, a local broadband provider, and my access to the Internet will be materially affected if they no longer have access to public infrastructure that they have built their business on.

It's been shown time and again that monopolies and oligopolies lead to higher costs and poorer service. Please keep the market for Internet access competitive so that it can thrive.

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