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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 an individual consumer of broadband services provided by Sonic, a local Internet and phone company in my area, and I will be materially affected if the FCC eliminates competition and forces local companies such as Sonic out of the marketplace. I am a senior living on a fixed income and I need Internet service at the best possible price to stay within my monthly budget. I rent out half of my duplex to tenants who work from home regularly and they rely on a fast, reliable Internet service to stay connected to their employers and customers on a daily basis. Do not approve the dismantling of key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as requested by USTelecom because this favors only large carriers like AT&T and Verizon. Approval of this request will eliminate the healthy competition that keeps prices at a reasonable level for improved services. Continued access to UNE services is a key part of the Sonic business model for deployment of innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology and enables them to deploy fiber for more and more members.

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