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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,

Please protect small ISPs. Dont vote to restrict their UNE access!

USTelecom is WRONG in their claim that small, local ISPs like mine (Sonic.net) wont be negatively affected if competitive access is restricted.

Sonic has many residential subscribers and all would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; continued access to UNE services is a key part of their business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members.

Today, one third of their customers are using Sonics fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, they wouldnt be able to compete on an even footing.

A competitive market ensures that consumers will have access to better prices. Incumbent carriers want to change that, and limit my access to choose the best possible service at the best possible price.

This also means Sonic and similar ISPs would be limited in their ability to deploy more fiber; essentially, hindering them from providing the most innovative services out there.

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