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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 Commissioners,

I am a residential consumer of telephone and internet access. Broadband access has become vital in the current era, and my DSL provides the security I need versus the alternatives.

I had been a long term customer of ATT (or SBC, or Pac Bell) for land line and DSL. They kept raising prices and cutting services. It became very expensive. I now use Sonic, which is a local competitor to ATT. They provide excellent, friendly, professional and timely service - things that generally cannot be said of ATT.

I will be materially negatively impacted if you change the components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act related to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) that allow companies like my carrier (Sonic) to compete in the residential marketplace.

The claims USTelecom is making are FALSE. There needs to be competition in the UNEs. I am a consumer that will be negatively impacted if the regulations are changed.

Please do not support USTelecom's attempts to limit competition.

Sincerely,

Mark Hanlon