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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 a residential consumer and small business owner who operates out of my home. My need for access to reliable low-priced internet and phone service is critical which is why I chose to switch to a competitive telecom provider.

I switched from AT&T several years ago to Sonic which is providing me with far better service at a lower price. The fact that they are a locally-based competitor with excellent customer service was a factor in my choice and is one that I don't regret.

The claim that US Telecom makes in its petition to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act is false. Their claim that residential consumers won't be affected, because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace is patently false. I WILL BE affected as Sonic IS such a carrier.

As a consumer who is very happy to have made the switch to a local telecom competitor, I urge you to oppose this petition by US Telecom. I want to be able to keep my access to fast, affordable internet and phone service (which Sonic provides me). Please do the right thing to keep competition alive.

Thank you,

Debbie Davidson