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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 urge you to maintain competitive access to copper phone lines. I am a user of such lines through Sonic.net. I -- and many of my friends -- use Sonic because of their superior service when there's a problem or question. I use copper because it is more likely than fiber to work in an emergency, such as an earthquake, that interrupts the standard electric supply. If I have a copper line that works, I add resilience to my neighborhood.

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