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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 very happy customer of Sonic broadband telecom in Sonoma County, California.

I am writing to say that as a residential consumer, I would be materially affected and harmed if the FCC grants USTelecom's petition to cut off Sonic's competitive access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to service residences.

The FCC is still considering this issue, but will soon decide on the fate of competing for telecom carriers like Sonic. More specifically, it will determine whether to cater to incumbent providers and cut off competitive access, limiting your ability to choose Sonic.

In short: They are claiming that residential consumers (thats you!) will not be affected, because there are no carriers (thats Sonic!) who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

UNE services are a key part of Sonic's business model for deployment, which is to provide innovative services for customers with fast DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more members.

Without continued access to copper lines, Sonic wont be able to compete on an even footing. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of our fiber networks.

Please reject the petition to ensure that consumers like me continue to have access to better prices. The petitioner seeks to and limit my access to choose the best possible service at the best possible price (which in my area is Sonic).

I rely on Sonic's fast, affordable internet and phone services, and I oppose this petition.

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