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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 connected to the internet by a wonderful, small local company (Sonic) that gives me excellent service at low cost. I was horrified to learn that AT&T is petitioning the FCC to shut off access to unbundled network elements, without which my company might well go out of business. Having as much control as it does, AT&T is extremely difficult to work with (I use them for my mobile service) and very expensive. Without competition from smaller companies, AT&T will do as it wants, which will be to raise prices and limit further their interest in providing helpful service.

I hope that you at the FCC will do what is right by me and the millions of others who depend on you to require that there be democratic competition among service providers.

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