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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,

My carrier is through Sonic, which is at threat of losing its ability to grow its fiber network due to AT&T's attempt to take away access to unbundled network elements.

I chose Sonic because I do not like the way AT&T does business and believe it's important for consumers to have options when choosing an internet provider. I'd hate to be forced back to AT&T's horrible customer service just because restricting network elements shuts the competition out.

Don't force smaller, independent companies to raise prices because of cost prohibitive restructuring caused by regulations that only benefit major corporations like AT&T.

I need broadband for my work. I am the managing editor of an online tech blog and reliable high-speed internet is mandatory for my daily workload. Without it, I literally wouldn't have a job.

Please consider the independent and smaller internet providers and keep broadband competitive.

Thank you.

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