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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,

We need a "bridge to broadband." I recently signed up for Internet (and landline) from Sonic, a local alternate provider. Their business -- and my excellent and relatively inexpensive access -- depend on their access to the unbundled copper lines that make this service possible.

Please don't take away that access. The large carriers don't always serve the public with the best speed or reasonable price, leaving it to those newcomers who are willing to do more with less. Just as Net neutrality has been threatened, of late, this other "neutrality of access" is important to me and to America, providing healthy competition and getting us closer to the kinds of delivery other countries take for granted.

Thank you !

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