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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,

Maintaining customer access for smaller ISPs is critical to spurring innovation in modern telecommunications. We are customers of Sonic because the AT&T "fees" continually increase for no given reason, and prices are raised with no alert, without any improvement in service. Soon we'll be fortunate enough to have gigabit fiber from Sonic only because they had the opportunity to grow leveraging AT&T's copper lines to supply DSL. If not for access to customers, Sonic wouldn't exist, and AT&T and Comcast would be our only options, and the gigabit fiber that many other countries enjoy would still be a far off dream.

The massive amount of lobbying by telcos to push back network neutrality and avoid reclassification of internet as a Title 2 service has done long term harm to the future of this country. Access to high speed broadband is essential in this day and age, and major telcos are doing everything in their power to minimize investments in infrastructure and maximize profits using old low speed technologies. If reps and members of congress could ween themselves from the campaign contributions and superpac pressure from telcos, broader faster access to the internet could become a reality, supercharging the economy and leveling the playing field for all classes and communities.

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