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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,

Please protect the rights of small telecom providers to compete. Broadband in my neighborhood is controlled by two giants with abysmal customer service--Comcast and AT&T--each of whom has cost me days of work and personal time, to deal with their equipment failures, billing gaffes, and rising costs. Enter a small provider--Sonic--who leased copper lines from AT&T, squeezed 2x the speed from them, and provided infinitely better customer service. That same small provider will now be the FIRST to bring optical fiber to our neighborhood. But they would not have been able to do it without bootstrapping their first customers on those lines leased from AT&T. Please make sure they, and other small companies like them, continue to have the legal right and protection they need to compete and survive, so that we and the market place can benefit.

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