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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,

As a small business, we NEED local competitive internet providers! We do not need Big Telephone companies like AT&T to continue increasing internet and telephone services.

Our competitive internet provider, which is not Big Telephone, needs to continue building its own gigabit fiber network. Remember that the 1996 Telecommunications Act is supposed to enable competitive market entry and encourage new network deployment.

Please deny AT&T's petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed our local provider to grow, expend fiber deployment and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, our provider is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, which will lead to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for us consumers.

WE NEED LOCAL COMPETITIVE INTERNET PROVIDERS LIKE SONIC.

Respectively submitted,

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