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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,

Competition is what makes America great.

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allows small service providers to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, my internet provider Sonic, is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Keep competition alive in the broadband service arena. Keep access open to last-mile network elements, like phone lines, that allow small service providers to compete with large network conglomerates for consumer broadband subscriptions.

Regards,

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