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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,

I am a consumer in the San Francisco Bay Area who uses a small local telecom provider, Sonic, to access the Internet. Sonic provides superior service and prices to the large monopolies like AT&T and Comcast that otherwise dominate the area, and is currently working on expanding fiber service to customers like me who use its DSL product. I don't have fiber access yet, but the company has gotten it to a third of its customers in just the past couple of years.

This proposed removal of access to critical unbundled network elements is incredibly bad for consumers like me who rely on companies like Sonic to expand fiber access and create competition in the market. And if it's this bad for me in the heart of one of the largest U.S. metros, I can only imagine how demoralizing it would be for the many residents of rural areas who could have their local providers cut off.

Broadband Internet is critical to me as a small business owner who works from my home, and to many business owners and students in my area. Like the end of net neutrality, this is a giveaway to big corporations that ultimately hurts the consumer. Please don't do it. Thanks.

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