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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 long time Sonic customer, I know Sonic's mission best: they continue building a better internet for America. Today one third of Sonic customers are connected with Sonic fiber. That's how the 1996 Telecommunications Act is supposed to work: enabling competitive market entry and encouraging new network deployment.

Sonic connected us first with DSL technology over unbundled AT&T copper lines, and now are building a gigabit fiber network to as many locations as quickly as possible.

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 allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, Sonic has been able to build and connect tens of thousands of members on our own fiber network. But, that's only a portion of Sonic's customer base. The need for continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber in order to be connected to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

I support broadband competition and competitive deployment!

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