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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 have been a very satisfied subscriber to Sonic.net for several years after sojourns with AT&T and Comcast. Their technical assistance is superb - knowledgeable and immediate. Far better than the bureaucratic morass one encounters with the other two providers. It is vital to maintain a system by which these smaller companies can compete and innovate in providing internet and telephone services to consumers.

More and more business is done online. I am an interior designer and most of my transactions with suppliers are done via websites and email. It is critical to maintain the competition that keeps the costs of internet and telephone as low as possible.

I urge you to not take away access to critical unbundled network elements which are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber infrastructure that have allowed companies like Sonic.net to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete.

Thank you for your attention,

Daniel Mardesich