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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 live in a semi-rural area of Northern California and have been using Sonic as my isp for more than 20 years. They have always provided me with the best possible options to stay connected to the net and now also provide me with voip service that is hands down more to my liking than any service AT& T has ever offered. My business (and my wife's business) are totally dependent on their services.

Should you choose to allow AT&T to take away Sonic's access to critical unbundled network elements, my net access and phone service will likely be severely impacted, and that just can't happen.

So please deny this petition to limit competition. Once again, it's the BIG business trying to corner the market and squeeze out the small innovators like Sonic.

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