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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 must admit that I don't completely understand all of the issues, but I do understand the most important one: if you change regulations to get in the way of broadband competition, Sonic, my fabulous local internet provider, would be limited in its ability to continue to provide and expand its great service.

I also know that thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, Sonic has been able to build and connect tens of thousands of members on their own fiber network. But, that's only a portion of their customer base. They need continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so that they can get me, and everyone else, connected to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

Broadband is critical to keeping internet access affordable and to keeping it available to rural America.

Please save Competitive Telecom!

Sincerely,

Linda Bine