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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'm a user with Sonic in Sonoma County California. I was a user with AT&T for everything from landline, cell service and TV access. I transferred to Sonic because their service was local, less expensive and more dependable. I also liked the fact that it was a small business.

I hate to think that because AT&T is larger, it can sway our government to provide the means to crush small businesses which are the lifeline of our country. If AT&T is able to take away access to unbundled elements which are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber, small companies like Sonic will be unable to expand, compete and continue to exist.

Please consider that competition and choice are the very basis of our country's ideals and with competition, prices can be less expensive from provider to consumer. Broadband is important to us in our homes, businesses and schools and a price hike would make it so a lot of us would be unable to continue with the one thing that enables us to have access to the outside world or entertainment.

If you allow AT&T their wishes, rural communities will suffer and small internet and telephone service providers will not be able to be competitive for them.

Don't let AT&T be a monopoly.

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