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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,

It is important that competition is maintained. The disaster of the disappearance of the CLECs between 2000-03 is fresh in my memory. Incumbents like AT&T drove them out with predatory pricing.

Now they are using a new tactic which is to deny access to local copper lines to CLECs that have reemerged. But AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, 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 backhaul.

I receive better service from Sonic and I will hate to see it go. Please do not fall for the nefarious designs of AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom. These are dime-a-dozen monopolies.

Best,

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