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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,

Im a concerned consumer, appealing to the FCC to deny AT&Ts efforts to obstruct intent of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The Acts purpose is to enable competitive market entry and encourage new network deployment.

The petitions of AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, seek to deny access to critical fundamentals of specific technologies that allow competitive markets to flourish. Without access to this advanced infrastructure, my internet provider, Sonic, and other smaller providers are at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base. That would mean potentially higher cost to me, a fixed-income senior, dependent on the internet for everyday communications and the unlimited access to online resources. Too, with reduced fiber deployment there would be even fewer options for consumers like me.

Sonic needs continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so they can connect me and others like me to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

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