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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,

Please do not give into the big industry trade groups that want less competition and high prices (& higher profits) for the already large telecommunications corporations.

My local ISP is small, but they offered 3 times faster service download AND about 10 times faster upload -- for less money than I was paying the larger ISP. In addition, when I talked to my old ISP, they offered to lower my price dramatically if I stayed with them as a back-up provider... which I am doing.

So, the large ISP is still getting some money from me so I have a backup provider, and Sonic is getting my main business. Overall, with two ISP's, I am paying more. But, I have redundancy, and who can be without the Internet (and Netflix and Facebook) for any period of time now.

Without the rules that allow Sonic and other smaller ISP's to access unbundled network elements, consumer costs would go up while service standards would go down. Us users -- and the country -- need the competition that the current rules support.

Please support competition and do not give into USTelecom's greedy request.

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