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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 have been a customer of Sonic, a competitive internet provider since they began and have always gotten good service because they care. Big corporations like AT&T are too big to care.

If people are stuck with just one or maybe two providers, they are running the show and can invest less energy because there are no competitors to go to if customers are dissatisfied. We want more competition!

Competition keeps down the prices, too. Without competitors, companies can hike prices; increase the cost of internet and telephone services and customers have no recourse.

We are on the outskirts of a small town a fair distance from the biggest cities in the North Bay Area, quite rural, and appreciate our internet connection. Broadband is critical to us for many activities from finances to entertainment and we have been anticipating faster uploading and downloading that is coming as Sonic continues to grow and upgrade and improve their service.

We still need a "landline" as our elderly relatives are not using wireless cell phones and feel safe and comfortable using the "old" style communication platform.

Do not take away competitive companies access to AT&T's critical unbundled network elements. Please allow Sonic and other local providers the fair chance to compete and allow the public all the options available.

Thank you

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