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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 recently heard that AT&T and USTelecom have petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled fiber network elements. It is important that consumers are allowed options when it comes to access to broadband internet providers. When only one (or precious few) provider(s) is(are) available, it allows them to arbitrarily raise prices which hurts the average consumer. This is not acceptable and would certainly weaken the 1996 Telecommunications Act by seriously curtailing a competitive market for internet service providers.

I am currently a subscriber to SONIC Fiber Internet services (a competitor of ATT) and I find the Sonic service to be better, more reliable, and less expensive than the DSL service ATT provides.

I therefore urge the FCC to support broadband competition and deny the USTelecom petition to limit said competition.

Sincerely,

Mark Ferrigno