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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 Chairman Pai,

Mr. Dane Jasper of Sonic.net, Santa Rosa CA is concerned that copper infrastructure may be tangled up and access impaired. In effect strangling the ability to close the digital divide.

If Dane is concerned then so am I. Dane has been quick to engage technology and deliver capability to customers.

It may be that to effectively interconnect the developing networks requires a clear path through the "copper core". If the copper core were to become a pinch point it could impede the competitive edge to take action.

At the beginning I had an ATT land line Plus a modem access #
Next I kept the ATT land line with a SONIC DSL service.
NOW I dropped the ATT account, kept my phone number and moved to SONIC's Fusion ASDL with VOIP. I have done this for my father, both brothers, both aunts, girlfriend and girlfriend's landlord and the Analytical Lab at which I work.

When I have an issue -I call Sonic - then ATT comes to the rescue repairing the drop to the junction box. Aside from the Lab and my father's house- now on gigabit fiber the remaining connections are in Rural near 20 miles from the copper core...

Again If Sonic is concerned then SO AM I. I HAD AN ATT ACCOUNT - I FELT LIKE A SMALL FISH IN AN OCEAN - UNIMPORTANT - COMPLAINTS WENT UNANSWERED. PAID MORE FOR LESS.

STILL THE MAINTENANCE ON THE COPPER INFRASTRUCTURE IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS TO WORK.

THE SUPPORT OF SONIC (LOCAL PROVIDER) HAS MADE THE INTERNET PRACTICAL AND AVAILABLE.

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