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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,

In recent years access to the internet has been an indispensable part of modern life, yet I spent years putting up with frequent service outages, subpar speeds, and bandwidth limitations from major telecom providers, until Sonic pushed the envelope and hand delivered fiber to our neighbourhood. Now I'm on the fastest network I've ever had, with no bandwidth limits, at 2/3 the price I was paying previously for a much worse service.

This was not only a clear win for consumers, it also helped advance the state of the communications industry as well, as now major telcos are following suit and scrambling to offer fiber service in order to remain competitive.

Given that the FCC's mission is to help provide rapid and efficient communication services people at reasonable prices, and that its main goals include promoting competition and innovation, allowing smaller businesses to innovate and bring a competitive service to market aligns with the FCC's mandate whereas helping large corporations protect their monopoly and profits from competition does not.

Please deny the USTelecom Association's request to exclude independent carriers from utilizing their infrastructure as agreed upon decades ago, as it will only stagnate progress at the expense of consumers.

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