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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,

Open competition is the core of a healthy capitalist system. I am deeply concerned by the actions of AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, who have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements.

Unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city backhaul; the very technology that allows local providers us to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and in a word compete.

Without access to this infrastructure, my ISP, Sonic, is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even fewer options for consumers like me.

Without access to fiber from Sonic, my business would struggle to service our clients. This is truly a make-or-break initiative.

I ask that you take action to support open competition not monopolistic lobbying on the part of AT&T/USTelecom and continue to support local providers like Sonic who are bringing new, competitive fiber networks to our cities.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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