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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,

It is very important that regulations ensure unbundled network elements are readily available--\*at good pricepoints\*--to alternative network providers. If it weren't for the free competition the existing regulation makes possible, I would be stuck with the substandard service and offerings of a monopoly that has no incentive to invest in improved infrastructure and provide better service and prices.

Free, viable competition is key. Thanks to this competition, I've enjoyed competitive DSL network and telephone services with excellent pricing and service-quality that has been crucial to my work in technical fields. I'm about to receive a much higher-speed fiber connection that will greatly benefit my work. I am confident this development would have been--at best--years away in my suburban area were it not for the ability of alternative network providers (such as Sonic) to interconnect at fair prices.

Thanks for your attention.

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