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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 used Sonic fiber internet service for almost a year. It is far better than the one or two other choices I have here in San Francisco, both subjectively and measurably. Sonic is local and small, so service is efficient and pleasant. I no longer dread having to call my Internet Service Provider. Prior to switching to Sonic a call like that meant long times on hold, language barriers, and being passed around from one person to another, none of whom seemed to know how to address my problem. I believe in free markets, including competition among multiple providers. I was raised to believe that is the American way. I do not believe in government agencies, following a politically motivated lead, awarding a single, huge corporation an effective monopoly. That kind of government interference leads to the all-too-prevalent perception that American government and business are trapped in a downward spiral of self-perpetuating corruption that is eating away any integrity our institutions have left. I strongly hope you will not approve USTelecom's petition to restrict access to unbundled network elements that are critical to the survival of Internet Service Providers that (no coincidence) provide a superior product to AT&T's.

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