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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,

Please, please, please DON'T allow AT&T to deny competitors access to unbundled network elements like last-mile copper. Competition is critical to the deployment of fast, accessible, reasonably-priced internet technology countrywide. The U.S. needs a population that is educated and technologically savvy to be competitive. AT&T's attempt to thwart other internet providers is rapacious and counter-productive. Instead, the FCC should be aiding upstart local broadband companies to thrive and expand internet connectivity to all.

As a former AT&T internet customer and a reluctant DirecTV customer (I signed with DirecTV not knowing they were soon to be swallowed by AT&T), I can attest to the frustration of dealing with a monopolistic company that regularly and unjustifiably hikes its prices, has terrible customer service and an attitude that it can run roughshod over everyone with impunity.

I have since signed up with a local company (SONIC) for internet and telephone service. Its rates are reasonable and affordable and its customer service is exemplary. (AT&T could learn a lot from them on how to treat customers.) I would never resign with AT&T and I'm appalled that they are seeking to stifle internet accessibility by killing the competition. NO! NO! NO!

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