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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 was disturbed to learn that USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

They falsely claim within their petition "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace." - USTelecom

I am a residential customer that uses Sonic - a carrier that uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace - an will be highly affected because the FCC would be killing my the carrier I use - AND eliminating competition - so that our prices will skyrocket.

Monopolies are terrible for consumers and are UN_AMERICAN!

Please do NOT dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and hurt consumers!

Sincerely,

Tony Lebe