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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 am writing in opposition to the petition before you by US telecom to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, specifically Section 251(c)(3).

I live in San Francisco and am a customer of Sonic.com, a wonderful local provider that is competitive with AT&T.

In fact I changed to Sonic from AT&T for better quality broadband for less money and for their great customer service.

I am a residential customer who would be adversely materially affected by "forbearance from Section 251(c)(3)" because my carrier uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

Because of Sonic, I am able to have fiber today, so much better than when I was connected through DSL from AT&T (and Sonic's DSL was better than AT&Ts).

Really, I would be adversely affected by a raise in price for a service that is critical to me. I am 74 years old and still working, from home, to support myself, part time now as a consultant. My work is in film and I need reliable and fast broadband in order to do my research and to preview the literally hundreds of films sent to me via vimeo or links. I've invested in a HDTV and other technology in order to do my work, which is totally dependent on decent and affordable broadband.

I also have telephone service through Sonic.

An increase in price for anything close to comparable service would be a big blow. Decent broadband is essential infrastructure in today's society. Please act to protect us consumers.

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