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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 a rate-paying Sonic customer and use my fiber-optic based internet access for my livelihood as an educator and scientist. I am aware of the petition being considered by the FCC submitted by AT&T and USTelecom and the negative impacts it might have on internet competition within the telecom industry. The removal of unbundled network elements, as described in the petition, will have a major impact on customers and will more hardship for many customers such as myself.

I urge the FCC to not approve this petition and keep internet infrastructure and hardware in a competitive mode to the benefit of regular customers and all internet users.

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