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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 to strongly urge you not to change the provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allow competitive vendors to use unbundled network elements in providing telephone and Internet service.

I get my residential telephone and Internet service through a local, Northern California based provider, Sonic. I have been delighted with Sonics service since I switched to them from At&T about five years ago. Instead of the usual ripoff contracts, confusing plans, and frequent price increases that you get from a major telecom company, Sonic has provided problem-free service, with no contract, for a stable monthly rate that has increased only once over the years, by just \$10 per month. Truly, they are a consumers dream come true. If US Telecom is telling you that changing the rules doesnt matter because there is no competition using the unbundled elements anyway, that is just a big lie. Sonic has been using At&Ts copper wires to provide DSL service in my area for years, all the while gradually building its own fiber network so it can continue to compete into the future. Please dont screw over consumers by robbing smaller players like Sonic the opportunity to break into the marketplace by accessing unbundled network elements. Youll just create more monopolistic, poorer functioning, and more expensive service for all of us.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

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