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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 express my strong opposition to the repeal of provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. It is an assault on the right of all Americans to an open and equitable internet and clearly violates antitrust law by forcibly decreasing competition.

I am a residential consumer of a CLEC, Sonic.net, who uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

Consumers like me would be materially affected if the petition by USTelecom is granted, dismantling the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Sonic.net, other carriers, and a full economic study all disagree with USTelecom's false claims.

The internet is a public service that all have an equal right to and it is disgraceful that there is any attempt at all to stifle competition and increase the monopolies of incumbent carriers. Thank you for your consideration.

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