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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 chose a competitive provider for my wireless internet because I wanted better pricing and service. Sonic has been excellent on all fronts. And they do it for a great price. We need competition!

Phone and internet SHOULD NOT COST that much, at least not as much as the incumbent providers are charging!!! Sonic and others need competitive access in order to provide their excellent and alternative service.

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. Within their petition they claimed:

"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

THIS IS just not the case. There are other carriers! And they are serving many consumers. And consumers NEED choice.

Without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect consumers and build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of their fiber networks. I rely on the services Sonic provides me, and I oppose this petition.

Thank you,

Verda Alexander