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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'm a consumer who supports broadband competition.

USTelecom says that there's "no remaining UNE-based competition in (the) marketplace." I do not use a provider that is a member of USTelecom. I instead use Sonic.net of Santa Rosa, California.

Comcast/Xfinity and AT&T are the most visible ISPs for my city of Mountain View, California. That in itself is an outrage, in that they effectively have a duopoly over service in my city. It's bad enough that there is little choice. But my wife and I have moved to a new pre-manufactured home in a park within Mountain View, but the park receives no support from either of these vendors.

In order to get a bare minimum of performance, I found myself in a near-untenable situation. I looked at WiFi (some boutique providers) and satellite (Hughes) solutions, neither of which were any good because the prices were sky high and the data caps were far too low. I instead decided to have Sonic.net provide my service, relying on two bonded pairs of twisted copper wire to provide an average of 22 megabits per second. It's not an ideal solution, but it's worked out fairly well over the past 15 months or so that we've lived in our new home. Thank goodness that there was Sonic.

Now I'm learning that USTelecom wants to dismantle the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This is unacceptable. To do so will effectively remove Sonic.net, which in turn will leave me effectively with no choices with regard to service. That is to say, I definitely will be "materially affected" if USTelecom's petition is granted, and I oppose it.

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