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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 residential subscriber of Sonic (sonic.net), which uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential internet and phone service marketplace.

I choose Sonic because their pricing is better than the major carriers I have used in the past (AT&T and Comcast), and their customer service is much, much better.

USTelecom 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."

Sonic, other carriers, and a full economic study all disagree with USTelecom on this key point.

I strongly urge you to reject this petition. Please do not cut off competitive access and limit my ability to choose competitive providers like Sonic.

I rely on their good service, and I will be materially affected if this petition is granted.

Best,

Gary Helfand