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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,

We choose a competitive provider since they offer superior service functionality at a significantly lower price than AT&T and Comcast.

Additional providers remain the key to this continued quality service and reasonable prices.

The pending change will have a significantly negative affect on this because there are carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

A full economic study all support the continuation of unbundled transports, see USTelecom on this key point.

As a residential subscriber, we would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; without access to UNE services, my current provider, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect us while they build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all fiber networks.

Previously we had competitive DSL and phone services which also take advantage of access to the existing infrastructure.

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