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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 displeasure at learning USTelecom attempting to dismantle various components of the 1996 Telecommunications ACT. Apparently larger carriers such as AT&T, Verizon and others are claiming that dismantling certain regulations will not affect residential customers. Being a customer who uses Sonic, which uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UTEs), disabling these links between cities will indeed affect my service.

I used to have very slow DSL through AT&T but thanks to the 1996 Telecommunications ACT, I signed up for super fast fiber optic phone and Internet service with Sonic--something that probably would not have been available without the protection of the Telecommunications ACT. With streaming and larger data loads, new companies who can offer faster, more price competitive services are sorely needed.

Not only will disabling UTEs affect my service, but it will stifle competition of newer telecommunication companies which in turn will give consumers less choice for their phone and internet service. Please dont dismantle this most beneficial regulatory act!

Please help preserve competition!

Please help serve ALL the citizens of the U.S.A.--not just big companies!

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