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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 currently sitting in my Los Angeles home connected to the internet with Sonic, a competitive service provider, via DSL over unbundled network elements. They also provide my telephone service. I have been with Sonic for seven years, in both northern and southern California, and I am very pleased with them. Sonic charges fair rates without forcing me into bundles with television or other services I don't want. They protect my personal information and are committed to providing equal access to all sites on the Internet without throttling data rates. Furthermore, Sonic is working to bring their high-speed fiber network to all of their customers, although they are beginning in the Bay Area and have not yet gotten to me. I write this to let you know that competition in internet providers is indeed alive and well at the local level, regardless of what USTelecom may say in their petitions, and it's encouraging innovation. The sections of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requiring incumbent providers to lease their unbundled network elements at cost-based rates are still working exactly as designed, and I as a residential customer would be materially affected if those provisions were to be removed. I can't imagine having to switch to Spectrum or AT&T, which both have terrible customer service records, restrictive contracts, and absurdly high rates which are only sure to get higher if competition is removed.

I support broadband internet competition to drive innovation and keep prices low for consumers, and I believe unbundled network elements for use by competitive local carriers are a key element for that.

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