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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 understand that you are looking at changing the 1996 Telecommunications Act to take away access to unbundled network elements. I am a customer of an internet provider, Sonic, that does serve me using these unbundled network elements. The inter-city backhaul is used to connect me to the internet at high speeds.

In the petition by USTelecom they claim: "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by the forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace." For me, that is a false statement. I use a smaller company to connect to the internet, and I value very much the competition to the dominant carriers. I use the competitor because they provide faster access to the internet, and because they do not mine my internet history for their profit.

I hope that you reject the petition from USTelecom.

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