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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,

USTelecom, in its bid to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, claims that "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 the market place."

This claim is false. There are residential subscribers -- I am one of them! -- who depend on access to UNE services. I subscribe to a new fiber network provided by Sonic; without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect consumers while they build the fiber networks, nor fund the construction of the fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs still will be used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of the fiber networks.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose USTelecom's petition.

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