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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,

It has come to my attention that AT&T, Verizon, and others have petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Within their petition, they claim that competition will not be affected by eliminating Section 251(3) because there are no customers in this market place.

That is simply not true.

I'm a Sonic subscriber and happy. With Sonic, I have DSL service which works over AT&T lines. If they were no longer able to lease lines from AT&T, I could no longer have service with them. The Customer Service Sonic provides is far superior to that provided by the other ISPs in my area, and I'd hate to have to lose my Sonic service. Not only that, my Sonic service includes a phone line and email all at a price that's much lower than I'd pay with AT&T. That's why AT&T is trying to prevent small ISPs like Sonic from being able to lease lines from them. They don't want the competition!

AT&T is lying when they say that no one uses the lines that Sonic leases. The AT&T petition is an attempt to squash competition that is offering better service at a better price.

I strongly oppose the AT&T petition. Reconsider their petition for all of us.

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