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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 very concerned to hear about possible rule changes to how (and if) large telephone companies are required to provide access to local ISP's. Over the past 25 years, I have mostly used small, local ISP's to access the internet. I have consistently found these local service providers to offer better pricing, better service packages, better privacy safeguards, and vastly superior customer service and responsiveness. Indeed, my current ISP, Sonic.net, offers me connection speeds that are 5 times faster than what AT&T says is even possible at my location using their network. Sonic's combined voice and data plan is cheaper, faster and more flexible than anything currently available from AT&T. Should I be FORCED to return to AT&T due to the elimination of local competition, I would no longer be able to work from home two days a week (I can't even run a video conference on their network), and would be back on the roads commuting to work and adding to our region's already congested freeways and pollution problems.

I urge you to maintain (and promote) consumer choice and competition among service providers both large and small by maintaining fair and reasonable access to the unbundled network infrastructure that allows them to compete for the greatest number of customers. Please do not drag us back to the era of de facto regional monopolies (or duopolies) which stifle innovation and raise prices while delivering an inferior product.

Thank you.

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