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Via ECFS
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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 a semi-rural customer and receive broadband via a local company (NOT AT&T). I had AT&T for years and their internet service kept getting slower and slower. I tested the local company (Sonic.net - in Northern California) and found them to be much faster even though they are using the same copper wires from AT&T. The end of line equipment used by Sonic (that AT&T refuses to use) is much faster even though the infrastructure is the same.

As a Boy Scout Leader and Secretary of a local Rotary Club high speed internet is a must do accomplish those two volunteer positions. My concern is if AT&T gets their way that they will either cut Sonic off OR raise the prices so much on Sonic that they will try to force us back to the pool AT&T service.

Just an example our last bill from AT&T, in April of 2016 was \$78.44 and that was slow speed internet AND I was charged extra for long distance calls. With Sonic, now over 2 1/2 years later my bill is still only \$66.04 and that includes a much faster internet AND free Long Distance Calling!

It is essential that my current carrier, Sonic, be able to use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements. If the USTelecom, trade association were to prevail in their petition requesting forbearance to Section 251 (c)(3) that WILL "materially affect" the service that is provided to ME!

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