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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 value competitive choice, not least because my ISP is a responsive, local, independent company. When I need help--not uncommon--there is a "there" there, and local people have jobs and meet my needs.

I definitely oppose the petition submitted by the US Telecom Association, which would make it much more expensive for LMI and many other independent providers to continue. This could lead to a downward spiral for them--and diminish my options and choices.

Sincerely,

Donna Mickleson