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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'm writing in opposition to the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association. I'm very concerned that, if the petition is granted, it will severely limit the ability of smaller independent telecom carriers to compete in the telecom market by effectively eliminating their right to serve their customers by renting copper and fiber lines from the large carriers.

I use a small local telecom carrier (LMI.net) because I get great customer service and support and because their charges are more reasonable than the larger carriers. I believe that if the US Telecom Association's petition is granted, then I will face price hikes that will increase the cost of my internet services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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