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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 support broadband competition. I use a competitive internet provider (LMi.net) because they give me reliable, straightforward access, with no hidden fees or limits, and incredible customer support from folks who live in my neighborhood. I can trust LMi because I can actually communicate directly with the people who work there.

The price for internet service is high enough as it is--eliminating competition would only turn what is already nearly a monopoly into a full-fledged monopoly, granting enormous ISPs far too much power. LMi is one of the few independent ISPs in my area -- we need /more/ ISPs, not less. Please do not make it more difficult for local broadband providers to exist in my area.

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