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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,

The US TELECOM ASSN, the trade group for the mega- giant telecoms like Verizon, ATT and Centurylink, has petitioned the FCC for forbearance from the COPPER line sharing requirements of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act. They state that there is robust competition in local Internet Access markets and great cheap fast Internet Access throughout the US. They request to end all regulated wholesale access to the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs) of the Telephone Network my grandparents, parents and I paid for through my taxes.

California companies like Omsoft, along with other small ISPs across the nation will have their access to their main Internet Transport medium, the Public Switched Telephone System, (PSTN) completely shut off in 2 years.

All the investment, revenue growth, and job creation, the hundreds of millions of dollars of economic activity generated by these local and regional ISPs over the last 20 years is on the line here, They all rely on access to this network to provide ever better bandwidth products, and many leverage this revenue to build much needed Fiber Optic to the home infrastructure that other large providers will not do, and the rest of the world has done.

I will be forced to work with only those companies that continually raise prices, sell my CPNI, scan and record my browsing data, and sell my history to advertisers. My only choice for the wire line Internet of the future will be two investor driven companies devoted to extracting as much profit from me as they are able. Combined with the end of Net Neutrality legislation, this severely restricts a free, open and decentralized Internet in the United States.

I really rely on OmSoft for not only internet access but also for my VOIP phone service. As a retired senior citizen, I cannot afford the prices charged by the giant telecoms. Please support local independent ISPs and their customers by denying the US TELECOM ASSN request.

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