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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 am writing to support broadband competition, and to preserve the right of small, independent internet service providers to rent copper lines and to use spare fiber between cities. After being unsatisfied for many years with the internet service provided by AT&T, I chose LMI, an independent local carrier, for this service. I have been very happy with their service, and I appreciate having the option to give my business to a locally owned company that is responsive to the needs of my community.

I have been looking forward to getting fiber optic service from LMI, which they expect to be able to provide by the end of the year. Unlike my experience with AT&T, LMI has been transparent in their pricing, and has not raised the price they charge me in the five years I've been with them. AT&T seems to raise its prices without warning. If competition is eliminated, they will be free to do so even more.

Please preserve the right of local, competitive internet service providers to use the copper and fiber lines, so that consumers have more choice, and are not subject to anti-competitive pricing.

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