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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,

Small local businesses like LMi.net are necessary to ensure competition and CHOICE. It provides jobs to hard working Americans and personalized support when needed. LMi.net has survived buyouts and bankruptcy, physical threats, and layoffs. They are still around and we NEED companies like them that fight for their customers.

Please do not squash small businesses like LMi.net. I have moved out of their service state and now have Google Fiber, but I still recommend ANYBODY in their service area to use LMi.net. They provided me with a job during a difficult time. They provided me with co-location services. They provided me with competitively priced DSL services over existing phone lines when cable was barely getting rolled out.

But most importantly, they provided me with a family that I am still proud to be part of today.

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