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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 believe that supporting the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines and to use fiber to connect networks around the state preserves free market competition and prevents domination by a few huge corporations.

I had Comcast and switched to LMI. I had a lot of problems with Comcast, such as interruptions of service, protracted hours of wait time for technical support, after wading through an impersonal and infuriating robotic system. In addition, with Comcast, there is no privacy; they track and sell a record of your activity.

I chose LMI in Berkeley because they are a local business, they do not track, record or sell my internet activity, they ensure confidentiality, they cost less and provide better service than either Comcast or AT&T. Broadband is critical for my home and business. I am a small business owner. I have never had a problem with LMI.

Please preserve the free market and prevent the corporate takeover.

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