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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,

My chosen Internet provider is LMi.net. It is a local company that provides Internet and landline service at lower rates than the incumbent companies. They also offer superior customer service, particularly helpful for older customers like us. They recently started offering Phiber super-fast connections, and we are excited to sign up for that service.

We urge you to protect competitive providers and reject the the petition by the US Telecom Association that would threaten the ability of competitive, local providers like LMi.net.

My husband and I are retired living on a fixed income. If we no longer had LMi.net as an option, we might be forced to give up our Internet connection. Because neither of us work in a office, our Internet is our lifeline to the world outside, and necessary for the work that we do.

Please protect our local, competitive Internet provider-reject the US Telecom petition!

Thank you,

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