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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,

When the power goes out, I can still call for help on my copper wire landline provided by LMI. If AT&T controls everything, they can decide to get rid of my copper wires and leave me without phone access during power outages. Competition is critical for serving the needs of all consumers. Please take any and all steps to ensure carriers like LMI can survive.

Thank you for your consideration.

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