

jon Stewart  
1221 Oxford Street  
BERKELEY CA 94709

Aug 30th 2018

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,

As a member of LMi.net, a local internet service provider in Berkeley, CA, I am writing to urge you to oppose the petition by the U.S. Telecom Assoc, which if approved would have a clearly adverse impact on competition among internet service providers. Passage of the petition would eliminate the right of independent carriers to provide service on copper lines and to use UNE fiber to connect their networks, threatening their ability to offer new gigabit fiber service.

Competitive choice in internet access and telecom service is already under threat, and approval of the petition would further restrict our local providers from competing with affordable services against the giant, monopolistic telecoms. I strongly urge the Commission to reject the petition.

Respectfully,

jon Stewart