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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 am opposed to price hikes in the cost of internet and phone services.

I chose a competitive provider of DSL internet and telephone service for my home in Berkeley, the provider LMI.net. Because of competition, LMI offers packaged DSL internet service AND landline phone service for only \$54 per month. Competitive Broadband internet service and telecom service is essential to me and many families for daily communication, business, and graduate school academic work.

There is already too little competition in this market. I have relatives in Santa Barbara where there is ONLY ONE HIGH PRICED provider of DSL internet services, which is Cox Communications. Santa Barbara residents have no other option but to pay Cox's high prices such as \$75 per month just for internet service (no phone or TV service). If you add Cox phone and cable TV service the cost runs well over \$100 per month.

It is important to keep small local broadband providers in business so that rural areas have access to affordable communication services.

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