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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 receive internet and telephone service from LMI.net, a local competitive provider located in Berkeley Ca where I live. I previously got these services from AT&T and had no end of problems with them. LMI.net is much less expensive, provides more services and is easier to deal with. I have been more than satisfied with them.

Competition is an important element in our economy. It protects consumers by keeping prices lower and standards higher. LMI has provided exemplary service to me. I find the idea that AT&T is trying to push out the competition horrifying and outrageous. Small providers like LMI provide a very important service and do it more cheaply and efficiently than AT&T.

Fiber is just being installed in my neighborhood, which should further improve my internet access. Please don't allow AT&T to use this as an excuse to squeeze out competitive providers.

I use the internet multiple times every day. It is crucial to the way I live. I can't stand the thought of being forced back to the big monopolies. Please please don't let this happen.

Sincerely,

Susan Cohen