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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,

Competitive internet access and telecom service is worth saving! I chose a local provider LMI.net because I want to put money back into my community of Berkeley, CA. The petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association, representing AT&T and other incumbents threatens LMI.net and all other competitive carriers.

There is already too little competitive choice in internet access and telecom service, and if the petition is approved, independent carriers across the country will lose access to critical network elements, and consumers like me would could lose their CHOICE of providers.

Please oppose the USTelecom petition.

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