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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,

About the US TELECOM ASSN petition to get around the COPPER line sharing requirements of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act. I use a small DSL2 copper line ISP. I wish to continue to do so. Shutting off my ISP's access to the Public Switched Telephone System will make this impossible. It would have the following effects.

- 1) A monopoly by only a few large companies, removing competition is illegal, and must result in increased prices. A few large companies, even if there are several of them, can form a cartel and jack up prices. In addition, my ISP offers both voice phone and ISP2 over one line, changing that would result in an immediate price jump for me, as I would be forced to get a separate phone.
- 2) They can, and do, track internet activity and sell data to advertisers and others, see the reaction to Facebook's sharing of data, and the NSA's tracking of data, for how much America likes that.
- 3) Rural communities cannot, often, access anything but copper line ISP, are they to be cut off, or forced to pay much higher prices?

The US TELECOM ASSN trade group is petitioning, first, to break currently existing settled law, second, to form an illegal monopoly or cartel and to eliminate all competition, and third, to force us to funnel through only them where they can watch our every move. This is unacceptable.

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