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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 oppose the US Telecom Association petition representing AT&T and other incumbents who threaten all other competitive carriers.

I had AT&T for years. Every year, they raised the price of my basic phone line (and subsequently, internet) far more than inflation or my comparative wage increases.

I now get my phone and internet from a company that leases copper lines from AT&T. My current company (LMI.net) use these critical unbundled network elements (UNEs) to deploy equipment and provide services.

I value the competitive choice that allows me to choose my current carrier which provides me with my copper phone line including free local and long distance phone service, plus faster unlimited internet at a price lower than I was paying AT&T. AT&T did not provide me with free long distance, they severely limited my local free calls, and they severely limited my data allowance.

Also, the customer service I get from LMI.net is amazing, high-quality, and personable and keeping jobs local and in the USA. This is so valuable, on so many levels.

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