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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,

Please do all you can to support small California companies like my internet provider, Omsoft, continuing to have access to their main Internet Transport medium, the Public switched Telephone System (PDTN).

This company and many small companies in California are in threat of having their access cut off by a petition of the US TELECOM ASSOCIATION. This petition seeks forbearance from the COPPER line sharing requirements of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act. It would end all regulated wholesale access to the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs) of the Telephone Network.

If this access is cut, my choice of an internet provider will be restricted to the mega corporations that have historically provided poor customer service and frequent price increases because the small independent companies will have access to the PSTN cut off in 2 years. I rely on my small provider to get fast broadband service and do not want to be forced to deal with ATT, Verizon or another huge, faceless, corporation motivated only by making money for stockholders.

Competition and a free open and decentralized internet should be preserved by the FCC on behalf of citizens who rely on small independent companies for broadband internet and telephone services. The price I am paying to Omsoft is far less than what I would have paid for comparable service from ATT. The service is fast and reliable and the customer service is excellent. Please do not take away our right to choose a local community network type Internet access provider. More choices, more competition, more freedom!

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