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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,

My name is Yashavant Kulkarni. We are consulting engineers and we live in a small community, outside the City of Davis, Yolo County, California.

Since we are away from the main part of the City, we do not have access to any of the larger ISP's (AT&T, Comcast cable, etc.). Fortunately, a small ISP, Omsoft, which is part of the Davis Community Network, has been our ISP service provider to offer us internet service through an extended wi-fi network, or we would be totally left out of the many wonders made available through the internet; Omsoft has been providing us with reasonably priced access to the internet for over fourteen years and is working with our small community (95 residences) to provide a hybrid system incorporating fiber-optic links with enhanced over the air transmission, so that we will be able to have reasonably rapid access to the World Wide Web. That's a big thing for our community, as well as for thousands of small rural communities throughout the country who are serviced by small ISP's like Omsoft.

I use their current system for running our small business from home, as well as for the multitude of other services available through the internet. Various educational and entertainment activities are also available to me as a result of a small ISP having access to their main Internet Transport medium, the Public Switched Telephone System, (PSTN).

If they lose that access, we lose our internet connection; PLEASE do not support or implement the US TELECOM ASSN (the trade group for the Mega Giant telecoms like Verizon, ATT and Centurylink) petition to the FCC for forbearance from the COPPER line sharing requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. You're our only hope for continued, reasonably priced access to the internet and for continued competition in this increasingly critical service.

Thank you for your consideration,
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