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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been with my internet provider LMI since 2016, and plan to remain their customer for the foreseeable future. Prior to becoming a customer with LMI, my longtime internet service provider Clearwire was forced to shut down in November 2015 when Sprint stopped supporting the Clear 4G (WiMAX) network. I was one of many customers who suddenly lost their service, and was left without internet service for nearly 6 months because there were no affordable alternatives in the area where I resided. I was only able to have my home internet services restored at a cost I could afford after relocating to a new city, where I immediately signed up with LMI. I do not wish to see a repeat of what happened to Clearwire and my family in 2015, where we lost reliable and affordable internet access because our provider was forced out of the market by a monopolist corporation and left our family and our low-income urban community with no options or alternatives. The loss of my services in 2015 could not have come at a worse time due to the sudden death of a family/household member, and the resulting upheaval as my small family attempted to cope. I refused to seek overpriced services from Sprint in 2015 because my sole income could not support the exorbitant cost. Likewise, I will never seek overpriced services from AT&T for the same reason. My choices as a consumer should be respected, and my options should not be limited by profit-seeking corporate interests. These actions have real world negative impacts on real families, and they should not be overlooked.

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