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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, we write to note our support of T-Mobile's merger with Sprint. We urge your support of this merger and believe that approval will facilitate and allow the deployment of a nationwide 5G network which will fuel greater economic growth in Tennessee and across the country.

The Tennessee Chamber was founded in 1912 and our core mission is and remains focused on enhancing economic growth in Tennessee. Tennessee's business community is strongly supportive of all efforts to enhance and improve our network infrastructure and is often noted as one of businesses most important areas of support.

From our perspective, the potential benefits of a 5G network cannot be overemphasized. 5G will revolutionize communication, business activities, and pave the way for the coming "Internet of Things." This no doubt will result in ample opportunities for economic growth in Tennessee and nationwide.

Economic growth is driven by technological advances in wireless technology. For example, the creation of 4G, helped pave the way for the shared economy and brought us companies like Uber, Venmo, and Airbnb. Direct investments in wireless networks also lead to job creation in adjacent sectors. To meet growing demand for equipment and ultra-fast connectivity, firms supporting relevant global supply chains will need to employ more people. The enhanced technological capabilities provided by such networks also create opportunities for new, unforeseen products and services.

New research shows T-Mobile's faster and broader deployment of 5G infrastructure will stimulate and accelerate billions of dollars of economic benefits and tens of thousands of jobs. According to the companies' public interest statement, one economic study shows that almost 25,000 new American jobs will be generated by 2023, directly because of the merger.



The New T-Mobile will provide the speeds and coverage needed to fuel economic growth. I hope you will recognize the benefits that the T-Mobile Sprint merger will bring to Tennessee and the rest of the country, and I hope that you will look favorably and approve this merger.

Thank you for your service and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley Jackson', is shown over a light gray background.

Bradley Jackson
President and CEO
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Attachment

cc: (via email)

Chairman Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel