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

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

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Mid-Maine Chamber board of directors in support of the merger between Sprint and T-Mobile. It is our understanding that this merger will enhance our opportunity in our region to receive true 5G service which will thereby strengthen our connectivity and thus our business and personal communications.

The new company promises to employ at least 200,000 people in the United States. T-Mobile's recent press release indicated that that number is expected to grow as the merged entity has pledged to invest \$40 billion in infrastructure over the course of three years.

This kind of investment could only lead to expanded rural access which we desperately need in our region. Additionally, we feel this puts our area in a better position for job growth. Our 660 Mid-Maine Chamber members would embrace expanded hi-speed Internet access and expanded broadband. Greater job opportunities for our citizens is also welcome.

With all of this in mind, we support the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint.

Kind regards,

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President & CEO  
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce