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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,

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce has been closely following the pending merger between Sprint and T-Mobile and is submitting this letter of support for the record.

Shawnee, Kansas is part of the greater Kansas City area, a region that straddles Kansas and Missouri and which includes Overland Park—Sprint’s headquarters. Many of Shawnee’s residents are Sprint employees. Because Sprint is a major regional employer, we are all attuned to the economic impact Sprint has in our community and the surrounding area.

This merger is beneficial for Sprint, and what is beneficial for Sprint is good for our area. Competition in the wireless industry has changed significantly over the past 25 years. What is needed now is a company that can offer effective competition to the dominant players in the industry and incentivize competitors to invest heavily in the race to deploy 5G.

A nationwide 5G network will spark innovation and lead to new companies, just as the move to 4G did. New jobs will be created, but just as importantly there will be changes in the ways in which we live and work. Connected cities that use internet-enabled devices to manage everything from traffic flow to energy savings have long been on the drawing board; a 5G network will make them a reality.

For the benefits it will provide to Sprint specifically and for the future promise a high-speed 5G network holds for the region, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce supports the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. It is our hope that the FCC will take these comments into consideration as their work reviewing the merger progresses.

Sincerely,

Ann Smith-Tate
President & CEO, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce

