I write to urge the Commission to deny Sprint and T-Mobile’s request to merge. Over the past decade, the wireless industry has aggressively consolidated, leaving consumers with only four choices for national cell phone providers. Sprint and T-Mobile have both carved out a niche in the marketplace by providing lower cost plans, shorter contracts, and other consumer-friendly practices, compared to their rivals AT&T and Verizon. Sprint and T-Mobile compete directly with each other for the same market share, which results in higher quality plans and lower costs for their customers, many of whom are low-income and people of color. A merger between Sprint and T-Mobile would disproportionately and negatively impact these consumers, and lead to higher prices for all wireless customers.

-Jeremy Esquivias