January 25, 2019

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

The Honorable Makan Delrahim
Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Chairman Pai and Assistant Attorney General Delrahim,

We’re writing to express our support for, and encourage your prompt consideration of, the proposed merger of T-Mobile U.S., Inc. and Sprint Corporation. We believe this merger will foster greater competition and consumer choice in the wireless market, preserve jobs, and help ensure the U.S. remains a world leader in next-generation wireless broadband technology.

The proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will allow the third and fourth largest wireless carriers in the U.S. to combine their spectrum resources to deliver a more robust wireless broadband network for consumers, drive innovation and investment, and better compete with the top two wireless providers. We believe the new company will be better positioned to deploy a nationwide 5G network and invest in a next-generation wireless broadband network to reach underserved communities and help close the digital divide.

As your agencies consider the state of competition, we urge you to recognize that the U.S. telecommunications market has changed dramatically in recent years. Intermodal competition has become a new reality as companies in the cable, satellite, wireline, and wireless industries now compete fiercely for broadband consumers. Additionally, companies in this space are reliant upon a limited amount of available spectrum. We therefore ask that you carefully examine all dimensions of competition in this market, including investment, innovation, spectrum resources, the evolving nature of the wireless industry, and the prospect of expanded broadband deployment.

We anticipate that the combination of T-Mobile and Sprint, complete with the respective resources and strengths of each, will help to preserve the jobs of workers at each company. This holds the potential new demand for workers as a result of a more broadly robust, innovative, and thriving wireless telecommunications sector.
We believe the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint will transform the wireless industry, drive innovation, help close the digital divide and provide consumers with more choices at lower costs. Accordingly, we hope that the Commission and Department will give its full and fair consideration to this merger.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

Billy Long
Member of Congress

Adam Smith
Member of Congress

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress

Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress

Roger W. Marshall, M.D.
Member of Congress

Suzan DelBene
Member of Congress

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress

Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress

Ron Estes
Member of Congress
Mike Thompson
Member of Congress

Kurt Schrader
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Michael O’Rielly
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Geoffrey Starks
The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

Consistent with our rules, the Commission will evaluate whether this proposed transaction is in the public interest. Although I am unable to discuss the merits of this particular proceeding, I can assure you that the Commission is conducting an open and transparent process as required by FCC rules and regulations and that our decision will be based on a careful analysis of the record that has been developed.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

Ajit V. Pai
February 1, 2019

The Honorable Billy Long  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2454 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Long:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Adam Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2264 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman Smith:  

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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Doug Lamborn  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lamborn:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Gregory W. Meeks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2234 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Meeks:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Roger Marshall  
U.S. House of Representatives  
312 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman Marshall:

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The Honorable Suzan DelBene  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2442 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congresswoman DelBene:  

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.  

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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Dan Newhouse  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1318 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Newhouse:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Anthony G. Brown  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1505 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman Brown:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Ron Estes  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2452 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Estes:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Mike Thompson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
231 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thompson:

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Dear Congressman Schrader:

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Ajit V. Pai

Ajit V. Pai
The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2230 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Luetkemeyer:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I appreciate hearing your views, and your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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