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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,

I am writing to you today on the issue of the merger between T-Mobile and Sprint, which I support. Some background on my organization will help to explain why we believe this move will be good for the youth we serve through our program.

The San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps works with youths age 16-25 by providing them with academic, vocational, and leadership development by employing them to improve their communities and the natural environment. These young people typically come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and are disengaged from school and work. We strive to empower them and address their individual needs, from fulfilling educational goals to offering high-quality vocational training and paid job training.

We understand the interdependence between education and work, and strive to make that link in the youths we serve. It has never been more apparent that there is also a link between internet connectivity, education, and work.

One of the primary goals that T-Mobile and Sprint have articulated as a benefit of their merger is the rollout of a nationwide 5G network. I see that as benefiting our community—and the young people we work with—in several ways. First, as noted, education and work are now tightly wound with the internet. It's hard to search or apply for a job without connection—and connectivity is part of most jobs, from email communications to running a business. Next, the building and deployment of a 5G network will create jobs to get it up and running. And, last but not least a fast 5G network will lead to innovative new companies, which will in turn create new jobs.

For these reasons, we encourage the FCC to approve the merger. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

Danny Oaxaca  
Founder and Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps