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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,

Spokane County is a vibrant and growing part of Washington State, with economic resources and a livable community that both families and companies take pride in.

Of importance to me, is the availability of broadband infrastructure. Internet access is woven into virtually every aspect of home and business life—it has become hard to imagine work, school, or even social interaction without connectivity.

Rural areas of Spokane County and Washington State still struggle with basic wireless availability; these areas have been somewhat left behind as the rest of the state has enjoyed ever-faster speeds with reliable connections.

T-Mobile, headquartered across our state in Bellevue, is looking to improve the state of rural connectivity. As part of its merger with Sprint, T-Mobile plans to build and deploy a 5G network that would reach rural communities in Washington State and across the country. I believe this merger will be advantageous for Washington's rural communities, bringing economic opportunity to many who have thus far not been able to realize the full benefits of wireless tech advances.

High-speed internet access is critical to our economy—at the county, state, and national levels. I hope that the FCC considers the points made above when considering the merger of T-Mobile with Sprint, as I firmly believe that the results of the merger will be positive for rural communities, in Washington and in other states.

Sincerely,



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