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By ECFS in WT Docket No. 18-197
Chairman and Commissioners
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

By email to antitrust.atr@usdoj.gov
Makan Delrahim
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Re: Merger of T-Mobile and Sprint

Dear Messrs. Delrahim, Pai, O’Rielly and Carr, and Ms. Rosenworcel:

I write you to express Wireless Partners’ full support of the T-Mobile and Sprint merger.

Our company’s mission is to build and operate carrier grade 4G/5G LTE VoLTE networks that bridge the digital divide for rural America. We have had great success in achieving that mission in New Hampshire and Maine and continue to make investments to increase our coverage. We have industry-level partnerships with all of the major carriers in the United States giving us the ability to reach as many users as possible. We believe that success would only be amplified by this merger.

A combined T-Mobile and Sprint company would have enough spectrum to support a 4G to 5G roadmap, which is greatly needed for voice coverage and broadband in unserved and underserved markets. As a rural operator, we welcome the opportunity to partner with the combined company to extend 4G LTE/VoLTE coverage with a path to 5G.

Additionally, the merger will result in much needed competition for the operators in rural markets. T-Mobile is a proven market disruptor that has forced the major carriers, such as Verizon and AT&T, to offer better valued-plans, such as unlimited voice and data. Lastly, it is my belief that without a combined company, new coverage will lag due to capital and spectrum constraints.

The enumerated value to consumers, especially in disadvantaged rural markets, compels our support, and I hope it receives the support of the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice.

Respectfully,

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