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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:

The Leawood, Kansas Chamber & Economic Development Council represents more than 500 businesses and non-profit members, providing them with a meaningful voice in the community and the support they need to maximize business opportunities.

Leawood is adjacent to Overland Park, the longtime home of Sprint. Sprint has been a partner in the community for many years. Our region's success in many ways is tied to Sprint—both as a major employer and an innovator in the area. In addition to Sprint's strong economic impact in direct jobs, they indirectly support the many businesses in the community that provide goods and services to thousands of local Sprint employees.

We feel the pending merger of Sprint and T-Mobile will have a positive impact on our community, and with T-Mobile's commitment stance on keeping Sprint's headquarters in Overland Park as a second T-Mobile headquarters, ensure the retention of thousands of jobs in our region.

The merger is expected to provide benefits that stretch beyond local jobs. By combining efforts, the new T-Mobile is expected to be better positioned to build a 5G network across the country, likely faster than either company could on its own. The innovation that will follow could be an important catalyst for entrepreneurs to create new companies and with it, new jobs. For the benefit of our members, and for the economic vitality of the Kansas-Missouri region, your approval of this merger will have positive, long-term impacts on our economy.

Sincerely,



Kevin Jeffries, President & CEO, Leawood Chamber & Economic Development Council