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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations; WT Docket No. 18-197.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), notice is hereby provided of an oral, in person, communication in the above-referenced docket. This ex parte notice is filed on behalf of Herring Networks, Inc., d/b/a One America News Network and AWE. On March 4, 2019, Charles Herring, President of Herring Networks, Inc. met with FCC Commission's Chief of Staff, Matthew Berry.

During the meeting, Mr. Herring discussed the historical benefits of enhanced video competition to consumers and independent programmers provided by AT&T's and Verizon's entry into the video marketplace with U-verse TV and FiOS TV. Both video services distribute Herring's networks broadly. Mr. Herring highlighted that T-Mobile has already demonstrated its desire to enter the video marketplace in a meaningful way. Mr. Herring stated that size is important when it comes to effectively implementing video deployment. He cited efforts by Intel, with its former On Cue product, later sold to Verizon, and Apple to launch linear video services that were aborted. Mr. Herring believes that a post-merger combined T-Mobile and Sprint will implement both video services faster and deploy 5G more expeditiously. The broad deployment of high speed internet offered by commercial 5G rollout will provide more robust competition in the marketplace and further establish the United States as a technology leader and supplier in the 5G space. Mr. Herring believes that 5G promises to be a "game-changer" for the video and internet marketplace, benefiting consumers, independent programmers, and our nation. For these reasons, Mr. Herring stated that One America News Network and AWE support the merger and look forward to the roll-out of video and 5G by a combined T-Mobile and Sprint.



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Mr. Herring also highlighted that challenges faced by independent networks with conventional, well-established MVPDs due to their discriminatory behavior, which shouldn't be dismissed simply because of new entrants in the video marketplace such as a combined T-Mobile and Sprint. Mr. Herring stated that the existing carriage access regulations provide no meaningful relief to independent networks nor a deterrent to abusive behavior by MVPDs and are in need of immediate review.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Charles P. Herring*

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