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Federal Communications Commission

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RE: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As an enrollment navigator who worked to bring 4,500 people into the Covered California healthcare exchange, I know firsthand how critical technology is in the administration of healthcare services. It is within this context that I am writing to you today about the pending merger of T-Mobile and Sprint.

After working with Covered California, I founded Covered Community, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to educating people about the ever-changing health insurance system, and providing them with the information they need to navigate their own healthcare plans. I see internet connectivity as a crucial component of ensuring that citizens can stay on top of the changes in their healthcare plans.

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High speed connections do not yet reach every citizen and every community, but I believe that T-Mobile's merger will go a long way in addressing that problem. T-Mobile and Sprint have emphasized their intention to build out a fast 5G network. Quickly reaching that goal means better connections to more people—including the communities I work most closely with in the Los Angeles area.

The ability to access medical records on a fast and secure network is absolutely necessary to assist people in navigating their healthcare plans. When people are familiar with their coverage, they can make the right choices for themselves, their families and loved ones. This leads to healthier citizens and stronger communities.

I strongly encourage the FCC to look favorably on this merger and the many benefits it will bring to communities like the ones I serve.

Sincerely,

Thank you,

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