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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 Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1,600 members by advocating for policies and initiatives that foster a positive business environment in the Wichita, Kansas region.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will provide value for our community and the potential for significant economic benefits. Wichita is a thriving city, with short commutes and is consistently ranked as one of the top cities in the country for quality of life. We wish to remain at the top of these lists, and one of the ways in which we do so is to make sure that we are supporting projects that enhance our economic development.

Telecommunications infrastructure is a core need for any type of business these days. If we want to continue to attract employers and skilled manufacturing jobs, we must have a telecom system that can handle all of the demands put on it. It is also critical that we move to 5G, the next generation in wireless technology.

In addition to T-Mobile’s intent to focus on the deployment of 5G, Wichita is home to a T-Mobile Customer Care Center that provides many local jobs, which would continue to provide support and potentially even grow as the new T-Mobile.

For the reasons outlined above, we believe the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will be beneficial to the Wichita region, and it is our hope that the FCC takes these comments into consideration as it reviews the merger application.

Sincerely,

Gary Plummer
President & CEO