



Greater Wichita  
Partnership

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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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 Greater Wichita Partnership works to align resources and focus the business community on common strategies to fast forward economic growth in both Wichita and throughout south-central Kansas.

Now, more than ever before, economic growth is driven by the availability of high-speed internet. Our 10-county region consists of both a dense urban center as well as an extensive rural area, all of which depend on robust and reliable wireless technology. The potential benefits of a 5G network cannot be overemphasized for our region. The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will strengthen the drive of a nationwide 5G network and as such, we strongly support this merger.

The local T-Mobile Operation Center, located in Wichita, would be well positioned for additional jobs and continued growth. According to the companies' public interest statement, an economic study shows that almost 25,000 new jobs will be generated in the US by 2023 as a direct result of the merger. T-Mobile has earned a reputation as an employer of choice for our region. This merger would allow the local site to continue to grow as additional customers come on board, driving the need for additional jobs.

We also hope this will enhance Wichita's growing reputation as a "tech hub" in the Midwest. Given the presence of cyber-security operations within our various industries as well as through the Kansas Air National Guard, our regional economy will continue to grow and thrive as long as the next generation wireless infrastructure is in place.

The New T-Mobile will provide the speeds and coverage needed to fuel economic growth. I hope you will recognize the benefits that the T-Mobile Sprint merger will bring to Kansas, Wichita, and the rest of the country, and it is this organization's hope that you will approve this merger.

Thank you for the consideration of your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fluhr  
President

