

# THE NAVAJO NATION

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This letter confirms the Navajo Nation's support for the pending T-Mobile and Sprint merger. If approved, we anticipate that the merger will result in a significant investment in rural broadband projects within the Navajo Nation, providing more jobs in our community.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), enacted in 2009, the Navajo Nation rolled out a fiber network covering the Four Corners region, which includes Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. It is expected that the proposed T-Mobile and Sprint merger will provide mobile 5G coverage on the low-band spectrum to 85% of the Navajo Nation's territory within three years and 90% in six years.

We also expect that this expanded coverage will provide the infrastructure for twenty-first century jobs to come to the Navajo Nation and encourage local and national businesses to invest in the Navajo Nation. This possibility comes at a difficult time for our community, as the Navajo Generating Station is scheduled to cease operating in the coming months, taking with it the Kayenta Coal Mine. The job losses associated with these closures will be devastating to our local

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economy. The prospect if additional jobs associated with investment form a post-merger T-Mobile is essential to our economic recovery.

The Navajo Nation looks forward to assisting new T-Mobile to create a bright future for Navajos. We hope that you will support this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J-Nez".

Jonathan Nez, President  
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