

Regarding the Sprint/T-Mobile Merger

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I am writing as a citizen of the United States to express my dissent of the currently proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint. As it currently stands, this presents a threat to the competitive and free market on which consumers and small business alike rely on. Maintaining a competitive market ensures fair pricing and inspires innovation amongst those companies. A properly competitive market also serves to dissuade against dishonest practices and ensures fair pricing and plans to suit different needs.

Currently, there are 4 major cellular providers and their subsidiaries to provide for the most competitive and innovative market. It has been this way for the past twenty years and as a result, the cellular infrastructure of the country has seen many competing standards emerge. This has led to a constantly evolving cellular system, as each company strives to achieve the perfect balance between cost, efficiency, and speed. The first major cellular merger happened with Cingular and AT&T around 2006 and was a large but acceptable change that did not impede on competition too much. However another merger of this nature, as with Sprint and T-Mobile is liable to cause more harm than good, and potentially hurt consumers as well innovation.