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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:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the pending merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. I am President & CEO of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and our organizational focus therefore covers regional business and economic interests in two states: Kansas and Missouri.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint is of great interest to the KC Chamber. Sprint not only is a local employer with deep roots in our community, but also a major force in the regional economy of both Kansas and Missouri. After examining Sprint's existing business and its plans for investment and expansion following the merger with T-Mobile, we have concluded that the combined company—the new T-Mobile—will continue Sprint's strong record of developing the local workforce and contributing to the region's economy. The new T-Mobile will have the resources and complementary spectrum assets to deploy a 5G network that is both broad and deep. Expanding 5G to both urban and rural areas improves economic competitiveness in Kansas City, as it will bolster businesses not only in our immediate area but the surrounding region in both states.

High-speed wireless has proven to be an economic engine in the US. Many of the companies we interact with on a daily basis were made possible by the expansion of 4G. The rollout of 5G shows even greater promise—and not just for tech businesses; it has the potential to impact everything from education to manufacturing to biosciences—all of which are active, vital industries in the Kansas City region.

I urge the FCC to favorably consider the merger's potential to dramatically improve economic competitiveness for business. This is true not just in the Kansas City region, but to the nation as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Reardon', written in a cursive style.

Joe Reardon
President and CEO