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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 Washington Technology Industry Association is a non-profit trade association that combines the power of nearly 900-member companies to grow a diverse technology workforce and obtain growth capital.

For more than 100 years, the US has led the world in technical innovation. Our private sector has redefined how we live and do business in the 21st Century. We believe the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint will help continue that global leadership role and substantively add value to our community. While Verizon and AT&T are also making substantial investments in this technology, even more private capital is needed to fully serve our communities. As other countries rush to deploy 5G technologies for the high data capacity and near ubiquitous access benefits, the US risks lagging behind. This would limit our invention, entrepreneurship, and economic growth leadership. The proposed merger will help ensure that the entire US telecommunication sector aggressively competes in the face of global competition.

The proposed merger also provides direct benefits to our community. Consumers and businesses will, after the merger, have three reasonably equivalent partners from which to choose their mobile telecommunication services. This will ensure 5G is affordable and available to the vast majority of our nation. Broad access to 5G high-speed internet access will benefit everyone from students and sole proprietors to schools, hospitals and corporations. Increased wireless broadband performance and capacity from the deployment of 5G will accelerate advancements in telemedicine and remote monitoring; improved vehicle safety systems; augmented reality applications for navigation and construction; and smart sensors that help us save energy, protect public safety, and improve air quality.

In summary, this merger provides more opportunity for all US citizens today and our children in the future. We ask that the FCC vote in favor of the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint.

Sincerely,

Michael Schutzler  
CEO, Washington Technology Industry Association