September 7, 2018

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: T-Mobile’s Merger Application

Dear Secretary Dortch,

In light of the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint, this letter represents the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s support for the above-mentioned application. It is our view that this merger will significantly increase the strength and quality of service for current business and residential customers, who will have better access to faster internet connect via T-Mobile’s new 5G network.

With over 2,000 active members, the Brooklyn Chamber is the largest and #1 ranked Chamber of Commerce in New York State. We promote economic development across the borough of Brooklyn, as well as advocate on behalf of our member businesses. The Brooklyn Alliance is the not-for-profit economic development affiliate of the Brooklyn Chamber, which includes the Business Solutions Center in the borough that we manage. Brooklyn Alliance Capital is the third affiliate of the Brooklyn Chamber and provides micro loans to immigrant and minority-owned small businesses.

Home to over 2.6 million residents, Brooklyn is the most populous borough in New York City and this number is expected to grow not only in terms of population, but also economic expansion as the borough’s brand increases in popularity. In the Brooklyn Chamber’s 2017 Member Issues Survey, seventy percent of respondents said that they had plans to expand their business in 2018.

As such, access to reliable wireless technology will continue to play an important role in improving small business competitiveness and the overall quality of life of local customers. To this end, T-Mobile’s 5G network will spur economic growth and the creation of new enterprises, by providing customers access to significantly improved connectivity that will enable them to hire more workers, improve their businesses, and even start new businesses. Further, as T-Mobile expands its capacity to deliver data, naturally the overall cost of data will be reduced.

In addition to the prospect of improved service and cost reduction, another reason why we are supportive of this merger is because it is expected to generate close to 25,000 new American jobs which is crucial to continued economic development locally and nationally.

This 5G network will be one-of-a-kind, helping not only expand wireless internet connection in the U.S. but also improve the quality of overall service, and therefore we hope that you consider T-Mobile’s application favorably.

Sincerely,

Rick Russo
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