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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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:

Greater Spokane Incorporated works to facilitate connection and collaboration among businesses in the Greater Spokane region, along with supporting initiatives that build and strengthen the economic climate in our area. It is within this context that I am writing today in support of the T-Mobile and Sprint merger.

T-Mobile has long been a force for innovation and change in Washington State. As one of the state's major employers, we've seen how they have contributed positively to the region, including their commitment to diversity and to our nation's veterans.

This merger gives them the chance to do much more for the country. Establishing a 5G network isn't simple or easy, but the combined forces of T-Mobile and Sprint mean that this process can be accelerated—and, they have committed to a truly nationwide network that includes our rural areas. These are the communities that have been somewhat ignored in past wireless tech advances, and it's high time we make high-speed internet access something that all Americans can enjoy.

Internet connectivity is now central to how we live and work, and expanding access means jobs—both now, and in the future. The actual construction of a 5G network will require workers, and once it's up and running, businesses will benefit from increased productivity and improved efficiency. 5G could also usher in a new phase of web-based entrepreneurial ventures.

We at Greater Spokane Incorporated are looking forward to what this next phase of wireless innovation will bring to businesses and communities not just in Washington State, but across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Mielke".

Todd Mielke, CEO
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