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

Re: Application of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I write on behalf of The Business Council of New York State, Inc., to express our support for the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint.

The Business Council is the leading employer in New York, representing the interests of large and small firms throughout the state. Its membership is made up of approximately 2,400 member businesses, as well as local chambers of commerce and professional and trade associations. Overall, our members employ more than 1.2 million New Yorkers. The primary function of The Business Council is to serve as an advocate for employers in the state political and policy-making arena, working for a healthier business climate, economic growth, and jobs.

We recognize that the information and communications sector is an increasingly critical component of a healthy economy in New York State. Recognizing this fact, our board created the Information Technology and Telecommunications Committee to insure we closely follow the policies and developments in the rapidly changing and expanding world of technology. The great strides being made by companies in these fields has also led to numerous platform and internet-based industries utilizing technology in ways never imagined. Companies such as Uber, Lyft, and Airbnb as well as web-based retailers have revolutionized the way Americans live and shop. These advancements would not be a reality if not for our robust telecommunication and cable sectors.

It is projected that the merger would add almost 25,000 new American jobs by 2023. The benefits of a 5G network likewise promise to increase business activities and communications thus expanding connectivity and business opportunity.

As the leading voice for business and industry in New York State we would like to add our voice of support to this proposed merger and hope the commission acts swiftly in its approval.

Sincerely,

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