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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:

As president and CEO of the Kansas Chamber, I am writing to offer our organization's support of the pending merger of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation.

Sprint and the jobs it provides play a vital role in the Kansas economy. This merger will enable the new T-Mobile to not only deliver additional opportunities for Kansans, but also will greatly enhance the company's economic impact on the state.

The Kansas Chamber hears from our state's businesses on a wide range of issues. One topic that frequently comes up is the competitive landscape in our state, particularly the condition of our state and regional wireless infrastructure. During the past decade, we have witnessed how technology has transformed our lives, changing the ways we work and do business. Unfortunately, much of this digital transformation happened in urban areas—leaving our rural communities behind.

The good news is the new T-Mobile will bring next generation 5G wireless innovation to our state's urban and rural areas. This means businesses across Kansas will have access to fast, high-capacity wireless broadband.

Internet access is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity for businesses to function and to be competitive. Economic development doesn't happen in a vacuum; Kansas businesses not only have to match competitors in the surrounding states and across the country, but also around the world. The U.S. has stumbled a bit in 5G deployment while other countries are racing to complete their own nationwide 5G networks.

We should not let this opportunity pass us by. The new T-Mobile will ensure that all Kansas businesses—whether urban or rural—have the infrastructure in place to compete at home and around the globe.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan Cobb,
President and CEO