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From: Eugene Franklin, President/CEO

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Florida Black Chamber of Commerce represents Pan African American businesses and communities across the state of Florida and the Gulf Coast Region. We work with other chambers and economic developers to encourage and work to establish business, educational, community, and tourism networks throughout the Southeastern United States.

Connections are at the heart of the work we do, and it is our belief that the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will go a long way in facilitating better communications infrastructure in Florida and across the country, enabling even better connectivity. The merger accomplishes this through its commitment to a fast 5G wireless network.

Our goal is to foster economic development that empowers Pan African American businesses and strengthens our communities. Establishing 5G infrastructure will help unleash business innovation and entrepreneurial activity—which leads to jobs and economic success. It will also bolster educational opportunities; an important consideration as digital fluency is an increasingly important part of jobs across virtually every field.

Having fast, reliable internet access is a requirement for business in this day and age. Technology platforms are necessary for just about everything we do, and improving our digital infrastructure will be critical to future success. Job creation and business growth will hinge on our ability to connect—to the internet and to one another. The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint speaks to an important part of our core mission, and we are pleased to lend our voices in support of this merger.

Thank YOU!

E. Franklin