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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the 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,

The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce is the largest regional ethnic business organization in the U.S., representing more than 800,000 Hispanic business owners in California. We work to promote and support Hispanic and minority-owned businesses throughout the state, and part of our mission is to advocate for programs and policies that will help strengthen and improve the business climate in California.

We write to you today to express our support for the merger of T-Mobile with Sprint. This merger will change the wireless landscape in the U.S., with the potential to affect positive change for the Hispanic business community. Most of this change will center on the launch of a 5G network.

First, there are the jobs created during the build-out and installation phase, which creates demand for local services in communities. Second, and perhaps even more significant are the opportunities for businesses once 5G wireless is available.

Very few businesses today operate without some need for wireless or internet services, which of course includes the business members of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Listing out all of the ways in which our varied membership uses internet connectivity would require significantly more space than a letter provides—uses range from vendor payments and banking to ordering supplies and daily communications and advertising work.

What a 5G network would offer is the ability to do even more, and take advantage of the many innovative technologies that are internet-enabled. The future of business is closely linked to our tech infrastructure, particularly wireless. Hispanic consumers are doing their reading, research, connecting, and shopping using their mobile devices. In order to grow their businesses and succeed, our members need to be where their customers are, and that increasingly means online and wireless—and it follows that our wireless networks need to be sufficient to handle this increase. A 5G network would provide additional speed and capacity, and the room for growth that is required.

We believe that this merger provides minority businesses with the opportunity to grow and succeed in an environment that is increasingly dependent upon fast, reliable wireless.

Signed,

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