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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,

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") is the state’s largest broad-based business advocacy organization. The Chamber has served Indiana’s business community since 1922. The Chamber now serves over 26,000 members and customers annually. The Chamber advocates on behalf of its members in matters affecting Indiana’s business climate. I urge you to support T-Mobile’s merger with Sprint. Approval of this merger will encourage the deployment of a nationwide 5G network which will fuel greater economic growth across the country.

The potential benefits of a 5G network cannot be overemphasized. 5G will revolutionize communication, business activities, and pave the way for the expanded "Internet of Things." This will foster economic growth nationwide. Economic growth driven by wireless technology is well documented. Just take the creation of 4G, which helped pave the way for the shared economy and brought us companies like Uber, Venmo, and Airbnb. Direct investments in wireless networks lead to job creation in adjacent sectors. To meet growing demand for equipment and ultra-fast connectivity, firms supporting relevant global supply chains will need to employ more people. The enhanced technological capabilities provided by such networks also create opportunities for new, unforeseen products and services.

New research shows T-Mobile’s faster and broader deployment of 5G infrastructure will stimulate and accelerate billions of dollars of economic benefits and tens of thousands of jobs. According to the companies’ public interest statement, one economic study shows that almost 25,000 new American jobs will be generated by 2023, directly because of the merger.

The New T-Mobile will provide the speeds and coverage needed to fuel economic growth. I hope you will recognize the benefits that the T-Mobile Sprint merger will bring to Indiana and the rest of the country, and I hope that you will approve this merger swiftly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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