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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**

As representatives from all districts of Kern County, California, we work to provide a voice to Republicans in our county. The Kern County Republican Central Committee is enthusiastic to support this merger and submit comment as the merger aims to create jobs, increase competition, and be beneficial to the consumer.

Conservatives value increased competition in order for the free market to work. Currently there are just two carriers dominating the domestic mobile market. The Sprint/ T-Mobile merger creates *three* competitive carriers, instead of two resulting in better infrastructure, improved service and lower prices.

In addition, the new T-Mobile plans to create the highest capacity network in U.S history – solidifying America’s leadership position in the digital era. The U.S is currently cited as falling behind in the race to 5G technology. We have witnessed the benefits that being a leading country in technological advances has provided us—it is imperative we do not fall behind. The combined companies will be uniquely qualified to once again put the U.S in the lead and rapidly deploy a modernized nationwide 5G network.

We speak on behalf of our community as we enthusiastically support the merger.

Sincerely,

The Kern County Republican Central Committee