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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 Secretary Dortch:

The Albany County Republican Committee believes that the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will have a positive effect on Albany County, and is supportive of the merger. As key regulators begin the work of assessing the impact of the merger, we would like our comments to be considered.

Albany County is a rural area, full of natural beauty—and sometimes limited services. Rolling out a 5G wireless network with high-speed connections would provide business and individual benefits for the county, and the T-Mobile-Sprint merger is the quickest way for that to become a reality.

Internet access has become critical to so many aspects of our work, play, and lives. Not only will the region's small businesses benefit from a fast network, those who work in our agricultural sector benefit too. Residents in our more remote areas will be able to access care through telemedicine, and schools in our communities will have the world at their fingertips with programming that downloads in seconds.

5G has the potential to measurably improve the lives of rural communities without destroying their character.

In the past, rural communities have not been the beneficiaries of technological upgrades. Some parts of New York State still lag behind. Let's change that and get everyone closer to high-speed access. It will unlock tremendous potential, and our county, state, and region will grow.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christine Benedict

Christine Benedict
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