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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 San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing the interests of thousands of local and global businesses, writes to express our support for the merger of T-Mobile with Sprint, as outlined in WT Docket No. 18-197. This merger will change the wireless landscape in the U.S. for the better, with the potential to affect positive change for the entire business community.

There are several reasons why we are in support of this merger, not least of which is that it will help build a 5G network, which businesses would be able to use to further enhance their operations. Many jobs will also be created during the 5G build-out and installation phase, which also creates demand for local services in many communities. Second, and perhaps even more significantly, this merger will provide boundless and plentiful opportunities for businesses once 5G wireless is available.

A 5G network, allowed by this merger, offers the ability to do even more, and take advantage of the many internet-enabled innovative technologies. We all know the future of business is closely linked to our tech infrastructure, particularly where wireless capabilities are concerned. More and more, employees are reading, researching, connecting, and shopping using their mobile devices. To grow their businesses and to 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.

Very few businesses today operate without some form of wireless or internet services, which of course includes the business members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Listing out all the ways in which our varied membership uses internet connectivity would require significantly more space than a letter provide, but there is no doubt that higher connectivity is essential to the business community now and as we move into the future.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Lazarus".

Jim Lazarus
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San Francisco Chamber of Commerce