



Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the Bellevue City Council, I wish to express support for the merger of T-Mobile with Sprint. Approval of this merger will unlock new opportunities for economic growth, investment in new technologies, and smart infrastructure for residents and businesses alike.

As the home of T-Mobile's headquarters, we are uniquely aware of the economic benefits of wireless technology. T-Mobile US traces its roots to VoiceStream Wireless, which was founded in Bellevue in 1994. Over the years, through acquisitions and new investments, the company has continued to grow and partner with the local community. T-Mobile now has more than 6,200 local employees, and works in collaboration with the city and region to improve area transportation networks, promote a highly-educated and competitive workforce, develop intelligent "smart cities" infrastructure, and advance diversity. We expect this spirit of partnership and collaboration to continue in Bellevue and in cities across the country after the merger.

Further, the development of a next-generation 5G network will foster innovation across industries, including among the startups and small businesses that fuel the nation's economy. Businesses and governments alike will be able to offer new, innovative services, including IoT, intelligent transportation, and advanced utilities monitoring. In Bellevue, we have already seen the transformational power of early wireless network adoption. Further investment in a nationwide, next-generation 5G network would advance economic growth and opportunity across the country.

We believe the new T-Mobile will continue its legacy of investment in and partnership with local communities to advance economic inclusion and prosperity. Moreover, we believe a next-generation 5G network will improve our nation's economic competitiveness and foster investment in innovative new technologies across industries—including here in Bellevue. We urge swift approval of this merger.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Cheminiak
Mayor