



April 4, 2005

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch,

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC), I am writing to register our support for the proposed merger between Sprint and Nextel and their pending request to win FCC consent to transfer control of licenses and authorizations (WT Docket No. 05-63).

NVTC, the membership and trade association for the technology community in Northern Virginia, is the largest technology council in the nation with more than 1,100 member companies representing approximately 160,000 employees. Since our inception in 1991, NVTC has helped grow and sustain a diverse and vibrant technology community throughout our region and across the Commonwealth of Virginia by promoting and facilitating technology-based economic development, sound public policy and increased collaboration and partnership across both the private and public sector.

Nextel Communications, one of NVTC's member organizations, is an integral competitor in the Virginia economy and a proven industry leader in the telecommunications marketplace. Both Nextel and Sprint have a legacy of pioneering innovative technologies that suit a variety of consumers' unique needs and provide first-to-market services that increase industry competition. We believe a Sprint/Nextel merger would allow the combined company to leverage pre-existing assets to effectively expand deployment of current wireless voice and data services, as well as the high-speed technologies of the future. We expect that the resulting enhanced service offerings, increased industry competition, and advances in wireless technology will expand choice for consumers across Virginia and across the country.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbie Kilberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, vertical tail on the letter 'g'.

Bobbie Kilberg  
President

Northern Virginia Technology Council

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