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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Application for the Transfer of Control of Licenses and
Authorizations of Nextel Communications, Inc. and Sprint Corp.
WT Docket No. 05-63**

Dear Ms. Dortsch:

On behalf of SpeedNet, one of the nation's leading providers of fixed wireless broadband service, I am writing in support of the merger of Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications. SpeedNet is the licensee of Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") spectrum, lessee of various BRS and Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") licenses and is currently providing data services in Saginaw, Alpena and Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The merger of Sprint and Nextel will have numerous public interest benefits, like increased wireless and intermodal competition, greater access to high-speed CDMA EV-DO networks, and improved coverage for the combined company's customers. Nowhere will the benefits be felt more dramatically than in the development of the 2.5 GHz spectrum bands. As the Commissioners are no doubt aware, the 2.5 GHz spectrum band holds great promise for deployment of wireless broadband service, but regulatory and technological hurdles have held back its potential. The FCC cleared some of the regulatory underbrush related to EBS/BRS spectrum last year. That has paved the way for more investment in the technologies needed to make full use of the 2.5 GHz band.

SpeedNet is confident that the merger of Sprint/Nextel will help resolve the technological hurdles that have plagued the 2.5 GHz band. With the joining of assets, the combined company will help drive the development of economically-viable technologies for this band. Moreover, Sprint and

Nextel have been both industry leaders and good partners with other 2.5 GHz band licensees.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge Commissioners to find that the Sprint Nextel merger, WT Docket No. 05-63, is in the public interest.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Ogren

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