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Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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**National  
Puerto  
Rican  
Coalition,  
Inc. ®**

Dear Chairman Martin,

On behalf of the National Puerto Rican Coalition (NPRC), a non-profit organization representing the interests of eight million Puerto Rican U.S. citizens on the mainland and in Puerto Rico, I am writing in support of the merger between Sprint and Nextel.

This merger would be beneficial to consumers and help to better the American economy and social structure. As a merged company, Sprint Nextel would be able to provide better service and more options to consumers nationwide; enhancing all consumers' lives, including the Puerto Rican-American community. In doing so, it would further NPRC's mission of strengthening the social, political and economic well-being of Puerto Ricans nationwide.

As a combined entity, Sprint Nextel would have more than 40 million customers, many of whom are members of the Hispanic-American community. These customers will be able to utilize Sprint Nextel's different technologies, as well as future product offerings that are borne out of dedicated research and development. While all wireless customers would be able to reap these advantages once the company merges, Hispanic-Americans will specifically benefit from Sprint Nextel's bilingual service offerings and specialized marketing programs.

These advantages would only further the collaborations and programs Sprint and Nextel have already created with NPRC and the Puerto Rican Community. For example, Nextel was honored with our Community Service Award for their contributions and humanitarian endeavors to assist those affected by the 2004 Florida hurricanes.

A Sprint Nextel merger would enable both companies to reach new markets, will allow them to develop their partnerships and create new resources to better serve American consumers across the board.

Sincerely,

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