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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn:

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, I am concerned about the potential acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation, one of America's largest wireless companies, by SoftBank Corporation, a Japanese telecommunications company.

The transfer of Sprint to SoftBank would entail the passing of substantial U.S. telecommunication infrastructure into foreign hands. Sprint controls more broadband spectrum than any other company. Furthermore, Sprint has contracts with several U.S. agencies, including those that frequently deal with sensitive information, such as the Department of Defense. Allowing any foreign entity to oversee such a network is enough to raise security concerns, but this proposed acquisition is especially alarming considering how it could increase our vulnerability to China, a country that has repeatedly shown its willingness to launch cyber attacks on our systems.

Although SoftBank is a Japanese company, much of its operations are dependent on Huawei, a Chinese communications equipment manufacturer that has been accused of producing equipment that can be easily accessed by the Chinese government and military. Huawei is the same company that you expressed concerns about in March for violating Iran sanctions. It should also be noted that a board member of SoftBank has admitted to bribing Chinese officials for contracts, showing the close and even illicit relationships SoftBank has maintained with the Chinese government.

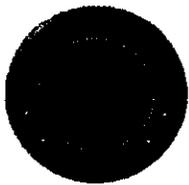
Consistent with all existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines, I urge you to take a close look at SoftBank's acquisition of Sprint. I am concerned that such an acquisition could leave our telecommunications infrastructure vulnerable to cyber attacks, posing a significant risk to our national security.

God and Texas,

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Ted Poe
Member of Congress
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

September 19, 2013

Mignon L. Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman

The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
2412 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Poe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation by SoftBank Corporation. I appreciate your interest in this matter and am pleased to provide the enclosed letter on this issue from the Chief of the FCC's International Bureau.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mignon L. Clyburn

Enclosure



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

International Bureau

September 19, 2013

The Honorable Ted Poe
United States House of Representatives
2412 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Poe:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern regarding the acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) by SoftBank Corporation (SoftBank), a Japanese company. You stated that the proposed acquisition would entail the passing of substantial U.S. telecommunications infrastructure into foreign hands and could leave such infrastructure vulnerable to cyber attacks, posing a significant risk to the national security of the United States. Your letter urged the Commission to take a close look at the proposed acquisition of Sprint, consistent with all existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines.

After thorough review, the Commission released an Order on July 5, 2013, finding that the proposed acquisition of Sprint by SoftBank would serve the public interest. The Order is available at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0705/FCC-13-92A1.pdf.

Please be assured that the Commission, as part of its public interest review, carefully considered all relevant legal and policy issues in this matter consistent with existing rules and regulations and with the country's national security in mind. In this regard, we completed coordination with Executive Branch agencies regarding national security, law enforcement, foreign policy or trade concerns that may be associated with the proposed transaction. As noted in the Order, the applicants to the proposed transaction stated for the record that the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) required them to enter into a National Security Agreement with the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the concurrence of DHS, subsequently filed a letter stating that they had reviewed the information provided to them by the applicants and analyzed the measures undertaken by the applicants to address potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, including supply chain issues. Based on their review, they indicated that they had no objection to grant of the applications.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mindel De La Torre".

Mindel De La Torre
Chief, International Bureau