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Mr. Scott A. Scheele, Chief Telecommunications & Broadband Section Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice 450 Fifth Street, NW Suite 7000 Washington DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Scheele:

The Asian Business Association (ABA) has been helping Asian American businesses gain access to opportunities since 1976. We are proud of our track record and proven ability to provide a united and strong voice for our members. Our capacity to address important issues and provide new opportunities has been made possible by our commitment to developing relationships and open lines of communication with officials at all levels of government.

As you know, Internet access is now a necessity when it comes to finding new opportunities or running a successful business. And as technology increasingly tethers all aspects of our lives, it is critical that our infrastructure be upgraded to not only increase access, but also have the capacity to handle all of the device traffic. The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint provides country with a path to the substantial upgrades that are needed, and as T-Mobile has stated on numerous occasions, deploying a 5G network is one of their top priorities.

A 5G network deployed across the state would be a boom to businesses, and would secure California's place as the national leader in technology. This also is a tool for advancing the development of minority owned businesses. This tech leadership and the benefits that would follow for the Asian American business community are the reasons that ABA is supportive of the merger.

It is our belief that this merger has the potential to greatly benefit everyone in America. New T-Mobile has committed to upgrading existing infrastructure, deploying a 5G network, and has announced its intent to build a new Customer Experience Center in the Central Valley, California which will employ approximately 1,000 residents. They have also committed to expanding access to areas that do not yet have high-speed broadband, closing a gap in the digital divide.

Improved access to the Internet at fiber-like speeds alone would make a difference to businesses across the country, including those that we represent. This merger holds so much promise for minority-owned businesses as it expands wireless access and increases competition.

It is our hope that this letter provides some insight into why ABA has supported this merger for the last several months. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Huang