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Scott Scheele
Chief, Telecommunications and Broadband Section
Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice
450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 7000
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Scheele:

I am writing as President and CEO of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to express the KC Chamber's support for the merger of Sprint and T-Mobile. Our organizational focus spans regional business and economic interests in two states: Kansas and Missouri.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint is of great interest to the KC Chamber. Sprint not only is a local employer with deep roots in our community, but also a major force in the regional economy of both Kansas and Missouri. After examining Sprint's existing business and its plans for investment and expansion following the merger with T-Mobile, we have concluded that the combined company—the new T-Mobile—will continue Sprint's strong record of developing the local workforce and contributing to our region's economy. The new T-Mobile will have the resources and complementary spectrum assets to deploy a 5G network that is both broad and deep. Expanding 5G to both urban and rural areas improves economic competitiveness in Kansas City, as it will bolster businesses not only in our immediate area but the surrounding region in both states.

High-speed wireless has proven to be an economic engine in the US. Many of the companies we interact with on a daily basis were made possible by the expansion of 4G. The rollout of 5G shows even greater promise—and not just for tech businesses; it has the potential to impact everything from education to manufacturing to biosciences—all of which are active, vital industries in the Kansas City region.

I urge the Department of Justice to favorably consider the merger's potential to dramatically improve economic competitiveness for business. This is true not just in the Kansas City region, but to the nation as a whole.

Respectfully,

Joe Reardon
President and CEO