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Dear Mr. Scheele:

I am writing on behalf of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the proposed merger between Sprint and T-Mobile. With roots dating back over 100 years, Sprint is a household name in the Kansas City area, representing a company which has deep roots in our community's technology, cultural and philanthropic growth over the years.

We believe the combined company will bring several key advantages to the status quo. It will have the necessary resources to deploy a truly nationwide 5G network quickly. By utilizing economies of scale, the company can focus on innovation, bringing new services such as wireless in-home broadband which is key to rural customers so we can close the digital divide in states like Kansas.

The proposed merger builds upon Sprint's footprint in our region and promises positive impacts for economic growth, job creation and telecommunication leadership. As our region's sixth largest private sector employer, Sprint plays an integral role in supporting the community and its people through civic leadership, philanthropy and capital investment. As they aspired for continued innovation and growth in the rapidly changing world of wireless communication and connectivity, we've recognized that change could come for Sprint. This merger provides opportunities for net job growth and innovation at the new company's second headquarters. This recognizes the incredible assets our region and Sprint bring to the table: Kansas City's innovative, hard-working talent; our low cost of living; and the unique real estate asset of the Sprint Campus in Overland Park. This positions us well for Kansas City to remain at the center of wireless innovation for the combined company.

Basic infrastructure used to mean roads, water and wastewater. Now it's also connectivity of people and data. The new T-Mobile stands to produce benefits far beyond the Kansas City region with promises of expansive coverage, including underserved rural communities. With a

mix of low-, mid-, and high-band spectrum, the new company will be uniquely positioned to develop and deploy a nationwide 5G network. Estimates are 5G provides 20 times the speed of 4G, extending beyond our current devices to the Internet of Things.

By comparison, 5G would download ten movies in the time that 4G would download half of the first movie. And the Internet of Things? That's nearly everything with an on/off switch that can connect to the Internet and exchange data, from our phones to our cars, refrigerators, coffee makers, lamps, garage doors, wearables, traffic signals and oil rigs. The 5G build-out means we'll be able to leverage the full power of the next wave of connected devices, virtual reality, and artificial intelligence. This brings great opportunities for tele-medicine, distance learning and first responders.

The new T-Mobile will build on Sprint's regional commitment and recently announced national retail and network improvements. It will bring targeted benefits for us in Kansas City, plus deliver connectivity and access nationwide. We are proud of the Sprint legacy and look forward to the bright future that lies ahead with the new T-Mobile.

For these reasons we support approval of the proposed merger and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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