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To whom it may concern,

Ahead of the Feb. 13 hearing of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on the proposed merger of T-Mobile U.S., Inc. and Sprint Corporation, Americans for Limited Government expresses support for the merger and hopes that the committee will see fit to endorse it as well.

To get to 5G, the U.S. needs to allocate a lot of spectrum. Approval by the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division of the proposed merger helps achieve that goal by ensuring that T-Mobile and Sprint together can utilize their respective 600 MHz and 2.5 GHz spectrum across the low and medium bands, making it easier to handle high-band spectrum above 3 GHz in the near future.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will be a boon to the U.S. economy. Accenture has estimated that 5G will create 3 million new jobs in the U.S. and boost the economy by more than \$500 billion.¹

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has described the necessity of U.S. leadership in 5G as a “national imperative for economic growth and competitiveness.” While China races ahead in 5G with its command and control economic approach, threatening U.S. intellectual property, the U.S. has continued to achieve unparalleled innovation over the past century through robust competition. T-Mobile and Sprint joining forces will create more competition in the 5G market

¹ https://www.accenture.com/t20170222T202102_w_/us-en/_acnmedia/PDF-43/Accenture-5G-Municipalities-Become-Smart-Cities.pdf

versus AT&T-Time Warner and Verizon – helping the U.S. to stay ahead of its foreign adversaries.

This approach also benefits consumers by creating more competition with direct-line broadband, allowing those who want to cut the cord to utilize wireless Internet on their cellular plans. This will help expand high-speed Internet access into more rural areas and help bring down prices, too. It's a win-win for U.S. consumers.

T-Mobile and Sprint together is a part of how the U.S. is going to lead the world into the 5G future, making the Internet of Things, smart cities, driverless vehicles and robots all possible by combining each company's spectrum assets. 5G is an area where more competition is urgently needed, and together T-Mobile and Sprint will help the U.S. realize its 5G potential – and all that it means for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Manning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Richard M. Manning
President
Americans for Limited Government