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Watchdog Group Praises DOJ for Sprint/T-Mobile Merger Approval

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) applauded the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) decision to approve the \$26 billion merger between Sprint and T-Mobile. The approval, announced by DOJ on July 26, will result in the number-three and number-four players in the wireless market combining their resources and investing billions of additional dollars into 5G deployment.

TPA president David Williams praised the DOJ’s decision, noting that, “in the race to 5G, it is important to make every resource available for widespread deployment. DOJ’s approval will allow Sprint and T-Mobile to leverage economies of scale in order to provide consumers with faster, more reliable internet service across the country. This merger, and the implementation of 5G, will help close the digital divide without taxpayer money. This is a win for consumers and taxpayers.”

Williams continued: “T-Mobile has already launched 5G networks in major cities such as New York and Los Angeles, but for now the company must rely on millimeter spectrum wave and consumers must make do with limited range and poor building penetration. The approved merger will allow T-Mobile to move beyond the millimeter wave and build a comprehensive 5G network using low-and mid-band spectrum. With faster internet speeds and price hikes off the table, the newly-combined company will be a boon to its consumers, and drastically increase the state of competition in the telecom industry. Taxpayers will benefit as well, as a wider array of available 5G services and increased sales result in more revenue for federal and state governments.”

Williams concluded: “With billions of dollars in ongoing private investment and even more investment as a result of this merger, the United States is now set to be the leader in 5G technology.”

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