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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn:

I write regarding the proposed acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) by Softbank Corporation (Softbank), a Japanese company. But, let me emphasize at the outset that I desire no action to be taken on this matter which would be inconsistent with existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines, or that could possibly be construed as unfair or inappropriate.

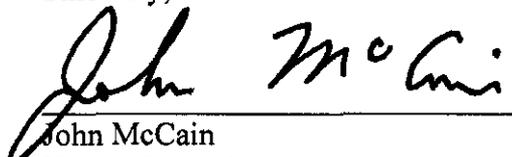
Each day, policymakers are reminded of the importance of cooperation among government and industry partners in activities such as information sharing and pursuits to maximize public resources. This is especially true for companies that own and operate infrastructure that could be deemed critical to both our national and economic security.

As I am sure the Commission is aware, Sprint holds strategic assets, such as its wireless spectrum and fiber network, and has extensive and ongoing relationships throughout the whole government. With all other relevant facts and circumstances surrounding Softbank's proposed acquisition of Sprint, I hope the Commission duly considers these facts when reviewing this matter.

Please know that I wish only the assurance that care, fairness and propriety are observed in whatever action you determine appropriate, consistent with existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines. I expect only such action which is in the best interests of our country's national and economic security.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator