

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2013

0627

The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Clyburn,

We write to encourage the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make an immediate determination whether the pending application related to SoftBank and Sprint is in the public interest. This application has been before the FCC for over 180 days, providing an adequate opportunity for your agency to examine this proposed transaction.

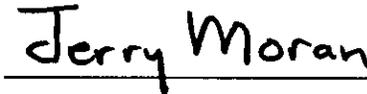
As you know, last week the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) completed its review of the transaction and determined the merger of Softbank and Sprint raises no national security concerns. Japan is, and will continue to be, one our nation's strongest trading partners. With nearly \$300 billion in investments, Japan is second only to the United Kingdom in foreign direct investments in our economy. Assuring this transaction receives a fair and timely consideration will further strengthen this relationship and encourage future investments from Japan and other foreign investors.

Lastly, this transaction has the potential to further expand competition and investment within our nation's vibrant mobile marketplace. And, as your agency has acknowledged, the United States is experiencing a spectrum crunch as consumer use of smartphones and tablets explodes. As more and more consumers demand greater access to high speed wireless networks, free market transactions such as the Softbank and Sprint proposal provide greater opportunities for expanded consumer choice and innovation. We thank you again for your consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS)



U.S. Congressman Kevin Yoder (KS-3)

1942