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INCOMPAS joins 4Competition Coalition

Prominent industry group representing leading trade association advocating for competition policy across all networks takes stand against T-Mobile merger, as does consumer organization advocating for low-income Americans

INCOMPAS, the preeminent trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks, today announced it is joining the 4Competition Coalition and taking a stand in opposition to the proposed T-Mobile/Sprint merger.

“Today, INCOMPAS is announcing our opposition to the merger between our friends T-Mobile and Sprint. As currently proposed, the merger threatens to undercut the competitive wireless ecosystem that has been the shining star for competition and choice. Here’s why: wholesale = competition.

“The fight for more competition is a real fight. It’s one we must win, or the 5G future will be nothing more than a marketing gimmick. Building 5G networks should create competition and jobs for hundreds of US companies, not just large wireless providers. T-Mobile and Sprint have been important soldiers in these battles for more competition, and while I understand their desire to wed, I believe consumers want them to keep playing the field.”

INCOMPAS has represented technology and communications companies pursuing pro-competitive public policy since its founding. Also joining the coalition is the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a public interest organization that fights against concentration of power in the communications and other industries.

The new members’ announcement comes as scrutiny of the proposed merger continues to grow. Executives from both Sprint and T-Mobile will face questions about the deal’s potential harms to consumers, competition and jobs in front of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology this week. Though the two companies have claimed that they must merge to build out 5G networks, they have each touted to investors in just the last two weeks their significant progress in building out 5G service as standalone companies.

“Market competition between Sprint and T-Mobile has made mobile Internet access available to millions of low-income households,” said Christopher Mitchell, director of the ILSR’s Community Broadband Networks program. “We are deeply concerned that

this merger will harm those households and leave them without any affordable Internet access.”

For more information, please visit: www.4competition.org and follow [@4CompCoalition](https://twitter.com/@4CompCoalition) on Twitter. The coalition’s current membership of 24 is composed of: AFL-CIO, Blue Wireless, Common Cause, C Spire, CWA-Union, Demand Progress Education Fund, DISH Network, Fight for the Future, The Greenlining Institute, INCOMPAS, Indigo Wireless, the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Mobile Beacon, the North American Catholic Education Programming Foundation, New America’s Open Technology Institute, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, Open Markets Institute, Pine Belt Cellular, Public Knowledge, the Rural Wireless Association, Telsasoft, United Wireless Communications, the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association, and Writers Guild of America West.

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