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BLUMENTHAL STATEMENT ON FCC CHAIR PAI & COMMISSIONER CARR'S SUPPORT FOR T-MOBILE & SPRINT MERGER

[WASHINGTON, DC] – U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) issued the following statement after Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai and FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr indicated their support for the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint:

“Trump’s FCC is again siding with behemoth corporations over American consumers and workers. Saying no to this dangerous deal should be an easy call. The supposed public interest protectors are rubber stamping a massive merger that will undercut competition, stifle innovation, and jeopardize jobs. By rigging the result in favor of corporate profit over public interest, the FCC will rightly earn public condemnation — and a court fight. In fact, the FCC has warned against similar mergers in the past. A T-Mobile-Sprint merger will not serve the public interest—it will lead to higher bills for American consumers, in particular hurting low-income consumers.

The FCC’s seeming abdication makes it even more important for the Department of Justice to step up to the plate to block this merger. This is a test of our antitrust enforcers’ will to act. They must prove their will.”

In February, Blumenthal led eight colleagues in [writing to the FCC and the Department of Justice’s \(DOJ’s\) Antitrust Division](#) to express staunch opposition to the proposed merger, and urging DOJ to seek an injunction to block the merger.