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July 23, 2025

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Dear Mr. Sievert:

We write to express our strong reservations with T-Mobile's involvement in the Trump Organization's new wireless service, offered through Trump Mobile.¹ The Trump Organization's announcement of Trump Mobile creates the appearance of significant conflicts of interest between your company and the executive branch, and likely will raise actual conflicts as more details come to light.

According to press reports, Trump Mobile will rely on T-Mobile's network for operation. While we understand that Trump Mobile is operating through Liberty Mobile Wireless LLC (Liberty Mobile), it has been reported that Liberty Mobile currently maintains a mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) agreement with your company.² Additionally, it was reported that the coverage map for Trump Mobile appears nearly identical to the coverage map of Ultra Mobile, an MVNO T-Mobile owns.³ The website for Trump Mobile also indicates that the service will provide the "same coverage as the 3 nationwide phone service carriers," which includes T-Mobile.⁴

We are specifically concerned that T-Mobile's business relationship with the Trump Organization—while Donald Trump is serving as President of the United States—presents a conflict of interest that will harm the American people. As President, Donald Trump is

¹ *Trump Mobile Announce: When Can You Get Wireless Plan, New Phone?*, The Hill (June 17, 2025).

² *Trump Mobile, Terms of Use* (<https://trumpmobile.com/term-of-use>) (accessed July 23, 2025); *Mobile Promises 'America-First' Wireless Alternative*, RCR Wireless News (June 16, 2025).

³ Federal Communications Commission, *Applications of T-Mobile, US Inc. and Ka'ena Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of International Section 214 Authorizations* (Apr. 2024) (DA- 24-387).

⁴ *Trump Mobile, All-American Performance* (<https://trumpmobile.com/>) (accessed July 23, 2025); Federal Communications Commission, *Communications Marketplace Report* (Dec. 2024) (FCC 24-136).

responsible for appointing the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which is the agency tasked with regulating your business, and the Chair, in particular, plays a pivotal role in directing the FCC's regulation of the communications industry. It has been well documented that the current Chair, Brendan Carr, has used his position to advance the interests of the President, often in conflict with the law.⁵

Thus, T-Mobile is in an especially favorable and potentially anticompetitive position relative to its competitors. Indeed, T-Mobile is now well-positioned to use its relationship with Trump Mobile to gain favorable regulatory decisions affecting the company—such as spectrum allocations, merger approvals, or enforcement actions—without any regard as to whether those decisions are in the public interest.

In addition to the conflicts of interest, this arrangement also raises questions about the negotiations between your company and the Trump Organization regarding Trump Mobile and the spectrum agreement that was included in the recent passage of the Big Ugly Bill.⁶ We understand that your company is supportive of this spectrum agreement.⁷ Therefore, the Trump Organization's recent announcement of Trump Mobile operating on your network, raises the appearance of a quid pro quo between your company and President Trump regarding the direction of our country's spectrum policies. While we do not disagree that additional spectrum must be made available for commercial wireless use, it is imperative that our country's spectrum policies—as well as our economic and national security interests—are not being compromised to benefit President Trump and his family.

As the Committee of jurisdiction on spectrum policy, the FCC, and telecommunications generally, we are highly skeptical of the recent developments between T-Mobile and the Trump Organization and are deeply concerned about the legal and ethical implications of this arrangement, including on our nation's spectrum policies. Accordingly, we request detailed responses in writing from T-Mobile to the following questions by no later than August 6, 2025:

1. Did you or any employee of T-Mobile have any communications with President Trump, anyone representing the White House, or anyone representing the Trump Organization about Trump Mobile beginning on January 20, 2025, through the present time? If so, please provide a copy of any such written communications and for any verbal communications, please provide the date, time, and a description of what was discussed.
2. Did you or any employee of T-Mobile have any communications with President Trump, anyone representing the White House, or anyone representing the Trump Organization about U.S. spectrum policy and/or the spectrum agreement in either the House or Senate reconciliation bills beginning from January 20, 2025, until the present time? If so, please

⁵ House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *E&C Democrats Launch Investigation Into FCC Chairman Carr's Repeated Attacks on the First Amendment* (Mar. 31, 2025) (press release).

⁶ H.R. 1.

⁷ Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, *ICYMI: Widespread Support for Senate Commerce Committee's 800 MHz Spectrum Pipeline* (June 16, 2025) (press release).

provide a copy of any written communications and for any verbal communications, please provide the date, time, and a description of what was discussed.

3. Does T-Mobile maintain an MVNO agreement with Liberty Mobile? If so, does this agreement allow Liberty Mobile to subdelegate its MVNO agreement with other entities, such as the Trump Organization and/or Trump Mobile? If Liberty Mobile is allowed to subdelegate its MVNO agreement with T-Mobile, please summarize the terms under which it is allowed to do so, the type of notice that must be provided to T-Mobile, and any payment or consideration due to T-Mobile for doing so.
4. Does T-Mobile maintain an MVNO agreement with Ultra Mobile? If so, does this agreement allow Ultra Mobile to subdelegate its MVNO agreement with other entities, such as the Trump Organization and/or Trump Mobile? If Ultra Mobile is allowed to subdelegate its MVNO agreement with T-Mobile, please summarize the terms under which it is allowed to do so, the type of notice that must be provided to T-Mobile, and any payment or consideration due to T-Mobile for doing so.

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5. Does T-Mobile maintain an MVNO agreement with the Trump Organization and/or Trump Mobile? If so, please summarize the terms of agreement and detail how much money the Trump Organization and/or Trump Mobile will pay T-Mobile annually for this arrangement. If T-Mobile does not maintain an MVNO agreement with the Trump Organization or Trump Mobile, will T-Mobile receive any payment from the Trump Organization or Trump Mobile for its wireless service offering? If so, please identify how much money T-Mobile will receive on an annual basis from the Trump Organization and/or Trump Mobile for its wireless service offering?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Parul Desai and Will McAuliffe at (202) 225-2927.

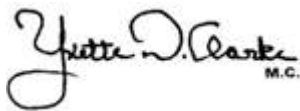
Sincerely,



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