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Thank you Chairman Olson and Members of the Committee. My name is Patrick Fucik and I am the Director of State Government Affairs for Sprint in our West Region. Thank you for the opportunity to present comments on behalf of Sprint on SB 346.

While Sprint is officially neutral on SB 346, I did want to raise some concerns that we have about this bill.

The main concern we have is that the bill places more demand on the KUSF and therefore could lead to a push to remove the \$30M cap that was enacted just three years ago. Sprint believes that SB 346 goes in the opposition direction of the public policy that the Legislature passed and was enacted in 2013 to reduce the size of the KUSF and reduce the KUSF assessment on consumer's monthly bills.

This bill looks to be an effort to erode current law and the KCC decisions that backed it. As evidenced by the fiscal note for SB 346, the bill places more pressure on the KSUF to grow. Sprint supports the direction the Kansas Legislature went in 2013 to reduce the size of the KSUF and minimize the burden the KUSF imposes on Kansas businesses and consumers.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to address any questions at the appropriate time.