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The SoftBank-Sprint Transaction Will Bring Significant Benefits to the United States

SoftBank's \$20 billion investment in Sprint will:

stimulate the U.S. economy

create job opportunities for U.S. workers

benefit U.S. consumers through enhanced competition and innovation

transform the U.S. wireless market by creating a more vibrant national competitor to the two currently dominant providers  
SoftBank's \$20+ billion investment will have an enormous positive effect on the U.S. economy

SoftBank's substantial investment is expected to stimulate the U.S. economy as the benefits of an expanding Sprint ripple through the U.S. industrial and consumer sectors

SoftBank's investment is the largest foreign investment in the U.S. since the recession of 2008

SoftBank has been a valued investor in U.S. companies for nearly 20 years, including investments in Yahoo!, E\*Trade, GSI Commerce, Huffington Post, Buddy Media, Ziff Davis, Gilt Groupe, Zynga and others, in addition to several U.S.-based venture funds which invested primarily in U.S. companies

SoftBank has also helped leading media and technology companies like Yahoo!, Cisco and Microsoft with access to and growth opportunities in Japan

SoftBank is bringing its proven record of technological innovation and entrepreneurial growth to the U.S.  
SoftBank-Sprint will benefit U.S. consumers

SoftBank's capital investment will lead to more reliable, faster wireless service for Sprint customers

SoftBank's record of innovation in wireless pricing, devices and service plans will give customers new and better options for their wireless service

A revitalized Sprint will spur competition, benefitting customers of all U.S. providers  
SoftBank-Sprint will create significant opportunities for U.S. workers

SoftBank's investment and increased presence in the U.S. is expected to create job opportunities

Unlike many mergers, the SoftBank-Sprint transaction is not dependent on job loss to create anticipated synergies  
SoftBank-Sprint illustrates key strategic and trade alliance between U.S. and Japan

The U.S. and Japan have a key strategic alliance that includes important economic and trade relations as well as national defense that has been in place for more than 50 years

Japan is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner with the U.S. which conducted more than \$216 billion in trade with Japan last year

With this transaction, SoftBank will join other respected Japanese companies like Toyota and Sony who have a strong presence in the U.S. and have contributed significantly to local economies  
SoftBank has made commitments that will strengthen U.S. national security

SoftBank has committed to using only network equipment that is acceptable to the U.S. government

Foreign investment in the U.S. telecom sector is not new: Verizon/Vodafone (U.K.) and T-Mobile USA/Deutsche Telekom (Germany) have already become critical parts of the U.S. telecom sector  
SoftBank's investment will create a healthier, dynamic and more competitive U.S. wireless market

SoftBank is providing substantial capital that is critical for Sprint to increase the capabilities of its network and become a more vibrant competitor against the dominant and well-funded U.S. wireless players

SoftBank plans to immediately put its investment and resources to use in deploying a technically advanced Sprint network that supports innovative smartphone technology and service packages which are tailored to the expanding needs of U.S. consumers

A combined SoftBank and Sprint would serve a total of approximately 87 million subscribers roughly on par with AT&T

The increased size will enable SoftBank and Sprint to achieve economies of scale and work more closely with suppliers of equipment and handsets, and allow more rapid deployment of cutting-edge technology tailored to customer needs at lower cost

Sprint also will be able to leverage SoftBank's extensive strategic relationships across the global wireless and technology ecosystems as it develops and enhances innovative customer solutions  
SoftBank is bringing a strong track record of innovation and success to the U.S.

SoftBank is an innovative success story and one of Japan's leading companies

After starting out as a software distributor, SoftBank invested in the Internet and broadband markets, and then branched out into wireless communications by acquiring Vodafone's Japanese operations in 2006

SoftBank began with only 16% subscriber share and successfully competed against two incumbent rivals who had more than 80% combined share to create a leading brand in the Japanese wireless market

SoftBank has transformed the wireless market in Japan through an intensely customer-focused strategy, significant investments in network infrastructure upgrades, innovative devices and offerings focused on mobile Internet, and improved customer service

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