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Sprint Supports Final Passage of the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Feb. 16, 2012 – This morning, Congressional negotiators announced that a compromise had been reached regarding an extension of a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits. The Members of Congress who brokered the compromise indicated the measure includes provisions regarding future wireless spectrum auctions to be conducted by the FCC, as well as provisions to help fund an interoperable public safety broadband network.

Vonya B. McCann, senior vice president for Government Affairs for [Sprint](#), (NYSE: S) issued the following statement in reaction to this news:

"Sprint supports the bipartisan compromise announced this morning by the House and Senate leadership and we hope that Republicans and Democrats in both the House and Senate will support it with a vote for final passage.

"Sprint agrees with the Federal Communications Commission that all wireless carriers – small, regional and large – should have a meaningful chance to participate in wireless spectrum auctions. While we didn't see the need to amend the statute, the compromise language approved by the conferees preserves the FCC's ability to promote competition as it conducts future wireless spectrum auctions.

"In addition, the legislation includes language which provides funding for construction of an interoperable public safety broadband network which will give our country's first responders much needed financial resources to protect the communities they serve.

"Supporting the final passage of this compromise legislation will help drive the expansion of high speed mobile broadband across the country thereby encouraging innovation, stimulating our economy and better meeting the needs of wireless consumers."

About Sprint Nextel

Sprint Nextel offers a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications services bringing the freedom of mobility to consumers, businesses and government users. Sprint Nextel served more than 55 million customers at the end of 2011 and is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying innovative technologies, including the first wireless 4G service from a national carrier in the United States; offering industry-leading mobile data services, leading prepaid brands including Virgin Mobile USA, Boost Mobile, and Assurance Wireless; instant national and international push-to-talk capabilities; and a global Tier 1 Internet backbone. *Newsweek* ranked Sprint No. 3 in its 2011 Green Rankings, listing it as one of the nation's greenest companies, the highest of any telecommunications company. You can learn more and visit Sprint at www.sprint.com or www.facebook.com/sprint and www.twitter.com/sprint.

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