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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
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445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

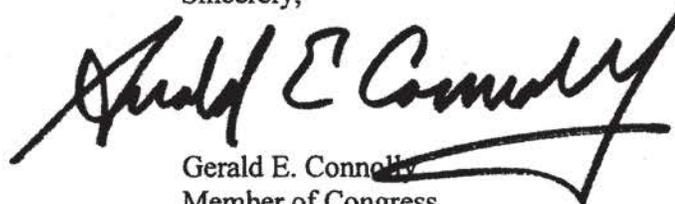
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I want to thank the Commission and its professional staff for your continued collaboration with my constituent company, New LightSquared, in its multi-year effort to secure a license to offer a nationwide satellite and terrestrial network. As you know, the FCC recently approved the company's change-of-control application, reflecting its change in leadership.

Following that approval, the company filed a license modification application. Its recent efforts have focused on achieving compromise with the GPS and aviation industries regarding interference concerns. New LightSquared has said it is committed to finding solutions that will enable compatible use of GPS and terrestrial services in its spectrum to meet current and future demand for mobile services. I understand that the company has negotiated agreements with Garmin and Deere with respect to providing a framework for coexistence of GPS and wireless broadband services. Further, the company is proffering that the FCC condition any approval on compliance with FAA safety guidelines.

It is the efforts of such innovative companies in my district that encourage me to support a robust technology agenda for our region and our nation. I respectfully commend for your consideration that the Commission move forward with a public notice and three-month comment period to allow all relevant stakeholders to provide input on this modified application. Such a process would afford New LightSquared the opportunity to work with the Commission to address any legitimate outstanding issues to advance its effort to provide more efficient use of the nation's finite spectrum resource in support of expanding wireless broadband services.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
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