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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB
Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Throughout the educational system, many agree that reliable broadband Internet access offers numerous advantages for students and teachers. With Arkansas being such a rural state, it is a challenge to get fast, steady broadband to a great number of our citizens. As former principal of Fayetteville High School, I believe that LightSquared's plan to make a wholesale 4G network available throughout Northwest Arkansas would provide an important asset to educational opportunities statewide by significantly expanding our availability of wireless broadband.

LightSquared is working with Congress and the FCC to bring 4G LTE high-speed broadband to over 92 percent of Americans, extending wireless broadband access to underserved and rural communities that are currently at a disadvantage without it. This type of access would allow students to connect to online academic courses and educational institutions throughout the US and worldwide. It also allows students to learn at their own pace and on their own schedules, which is beneficial to nontraditional students throughout Arkansas.

Without question, the potential for interference with GPS devices is a serious issue that the FCC must address. However, LightSquared's proposal to launch operations only in the lower 10 Megahertz of its licensed spectrum takes care of more than 99% of GPS receivers. Given the United States' urgent need for expanded wireless broadband capacity, it seems that the next step is for the GPS industry to make the necessary adjustments to its receivers to fix the remaining 1%.

I urge you to support LightSquared and its plan to improve Arkansas's wireless network. Access to wireless service is not a luxury for us; it is a necessity. Please make sure that our educational tools receive the best access possible.

Respectfully,



Jim Price