

July 12, 2001

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:

I am contacting you regarding LightSquared, which is seeking to roll out a new wireless network across the country. I am a research assistant at Hospital in Portland, Oregon and I believe high-speed wireless has become an essential technology for the healthcare community.

Broadband and health IT will transform health care, enabling better outcomes and lowering costs. Remote Monitoring technology and Electronic Health Records could alone create over \$700 billion in net savings over 15-25 years. Yet in nearly every metric used to measure the adoption of health information technology, the United States ranks in the bottom half among comparable countries.

You can help by ensuring all health care providers have access to affordable broadband. For rural clinics and small physician offices, mass market broadband infrastructure is often priced beyond their means or altogether insufficient to support their health IT needs. LightSquared will offer service through both its satellite network and its ground based cell towers, and will reach remote areas currently underserved by existing wireless providers. By creating a wholesale network, LightSquared will increase competition in the market, helping health care providers to purchase broadband services and expand telehealth capability to currently underserved rural institutions.

I'm sure you agree that one of our nation's top priorities should be making sure that broadband is accessible to every live saving institution, and I hope you will support LightSquared's desire to invest in its new network, which will provide more coverage and opportunities for expansion in the broadband market.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission has started a process to resolve issues surrounding LightSquared's plans. Please support this process and work to remove the hurdles standing between LightSquared and its potential national broadband wireless network.

Sincerely,

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