

August 11, 2011

Secretary Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Comment Docket No. 11-109**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing about the need for improved and expanded broadband infrastructure in our state. West Virginia ranks 48<sup>th</sup> nationally in broadband availability and wireless access is even more scarce.

Access to broadband is a key to economic, social and educational opportunity. Wireless broadband in particular is becoming essential for economic competitiveness. Our state faces many challenges when it comes to attracting and creating quality, high paying jobs but the lack of broadband access shouldn't be one of them. Lightsquared's privately funded \$14 billion wireless network would bring next-generation mobile broadband access to 260 million Americans without requiring a penny of taxpayer investment.

I understand that concerns have been expressed about GPS receivers that pick up signals from inside LightSquared's licensed spectrum. Clearly, the GPS system should be preserved. But a country that put a man on the moon will be able to solve this basic technical challenge. America should not have to choose between GPS and broadband; we need both.

Please encourage LightSquared and the GPS corporations to take the necessary steps to resolve any outstanding concerns and bring high-speed wireless broadband to the underserved communities in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Coffman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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