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Marlene 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 writing to request the Commission's help to bring reliable broadband Internet and cell phone coverage to rural America. We need more high-speed broadband wireless capacity. Demand is growing, but the supply in areas like northeastern Minnesota, where I live, is not. This means that the businesses and individuals in my district can't compete in the global economy.

LightSquared's satellite network will allow isolated communities to compete on a level playing field with urban centers. If the US is to compete in the 21st century, we need a vibrant and universal telecommunications infrastructure. LightSquared is willing to make the investment to help this happen, and I encourage the Commission to expedite their application.

This new nationwide next-generation system that LightSquare proposes has met with complaints from the GPS industry that their receivers, which are programmed to receive signals broadcast from LightSquared's frequencies, may be impacted by these signals. If the GPS industry is producing devices that receive signals outside their authorized frequencies, the GPS industry should take all necessary steps to fix the problem, rather than block progress on LightSquared's application to correct those errors.

Thank you for your positive response to this request to move forward on LightSquared's application to provide new opportunities in rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carly C. Melin".

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