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

Re: Comments, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Technology is an important part of our everyday life, and it's constantly evolving. Yet, here in Las Vegas, and even throughout much of America, many residents still lack easy access. Roughly one in five Latinos still live in a home that's not currently connected to broadband internet.

I know no one place is removed from the hard times our country has faced, but Las Vegas has been particularly hard hit. At a time when finding or keeping a job in the state with the highest unemployment rate demands basic computer skills and connectivity, this technological gap excludes disconnected families from new jobs and higher incomes.

I firmly believe LightSquared's unique business model is a solution to that problem. Lowering the cost of mobile internet significantly will allow a marketplace where companies can target needy communities with low-cost communications solutions. I strongly urge you to support LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network so that unfairly disadvantaged immigrant communities can branch into the digital age.

Specifically, it's important that LightSquared be allowed to deploy its 4G-LTE network in its L-Band spectrum. We should not let this valuable spectrum space go to waste. LightSquared's 40 MHz of L-Band spectrum accounts for about 15% of non-federal spectrum identified in the National Broadband Plan. This critical spectrum space is needed to alleviate what FCC Chair Genachowski has called a spectrum crunch, which is severely limiting America's economic growth and job creation.

Sincerely,

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