



December 14, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a police officer who relies on GPS and wireless communications in Upstate New York, I know how important reliable wireless communication and broadband services are to the safety of our citizens. I write regarding the FCC's consideration of LightSquared's state of the art broadband wireless network and the GPS interference issues that have delayed its launch. As the Commission works to resolve that issue, I encourage you to address our nation's urgent need for additional wireless broadband capacity while also ensuring that the GPS system is not disrupted.

It is unfortunate that the LightSquared-GPS process has been subjected to such political gamesmanship. It appears the conflict over spectrum management and GPS device interference can be addressed by an engineering fix and smart federal rules. Given that wireless broadband usage has increased significantly over the last few years, and current networks are insufficient as illustrated by the emersion of data usage restrictions by various carriers, I hope for the good of our country that a balanced solution can be found to the current spectrum dispute so that LightSquared's network can be allowed to move forward. I have read online reports that say engineers have developed technical solutions that solve the interference issue. I understand these new technologies are being tested to ensure that LightSquared's network can co-exist with the GPS system without interference. I support smart and comprehensive testing and ask you to move swiftly toward a reasonable resolution of the current interference issues.

New York and our country need GPS, more wireless competition, and an expansion of our nation's wireless broadband infrastructure. Please keep these goals at the forefront of your consideration and help the GPS industry and LightSquared resolve this situation.

Sincerely,


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