

# WEST VIRGINIA *EMS* COALITION

January 19, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Dortch,

West Virginia's Emergency Medical Service providers have worked diligently over the past several years to improve the quality of patient care by implementing an electronic patient care record system. And while these electronic patient care records have been valuable tools, the full potential of these records cannot be fully achieved in most parts of the state due to unreliable and unaffordable wireless broadband services.

Lightsquared's proposed 4G-LTE network could provide an answer to these challenges. The potential delays caused by recent PNT testing are concerning to individuals and organizations seeking to access this new technology. I have read that the second round of testing conducted by PNT was overseen by individuals with ties to GPS manufacturers and produced flawed, unusable results. The problems encountered with the testing included the use of power levels 32 times greater than what LightSquared has committed to use. And the tests utilized devices that were more than 10 years old and sometimes discontinued.

West Virginia's EMS community greatly needs improved wireless broadband service in order to better care for our patients. I urge the FCC and NTIA to take control of further testing to ensure the findings are fair and impartial. GPS and wireless broadband are both important to the delivery of services by our nation's first responders and I am confident that proper testing will help develop mitigation solutions that will allow them to co-exist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hall", written in a cursive style.

Chris Hall, Executive Director  
West Virginia EMS Coalition