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

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109; ET Docket 10-142

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In my role as County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a small, rural county, which suffers from very poor cell phone and broadband internet service, I have written letters to Federal officials describing the need for better cell phone and broadband service in rural areas. I now write specifically to support the position taken by LightSquared in its Petition for Declaratory Ruling, which it has filed with FCC, because I know that it places the FCC in a unique position to help my county, and much of America.

I understand that the FCC has a number of goals for the use of our broadcast spectrum. I know that you share my dream that rural areas of Kentucky, and our nation, have good, reliable, broadband coverage. I understand that providing this type of service requires using all of the spectrum that is available. I know that you also want to encourage competition. LightSquared is a private company, and will set up its network using no government funding, and plans to market its services through small local retailers, which will both increase competition and provide jobs. LightSquared is the only company I know of that proposes to do these things.

From what I have read, LightSquared has not asked for special treatment, nor does it seek to change the rules now. It has always followed all the procedural rules concerning its applications before the FCC, and I admire that. The granting of LightSquared's Petition would affirm the value of private property, and the government's role in protecting private investment in our infrastructure.

I succeeded my longtime friend and political mentor, Judge Jim Potts, who sadly died in office. One of Judge Potts' dreams for our county was a level of broadband internet and cellular service that would put it on a level playing field with other, more populated counties in Kentucky. One of Judge Potts' last acts in office was writing a letter to the FCC supporting the efforts of LightSquared to introduce its network. Judge Potts knew, as I know, that our county can compete with counties with larger populations only if we can offer the infrastructure needed to attract new employment. Having succeeded Judge Potts in office, I now become the second generation of Powell County Judge Executives to support the efforts of LightSquared. I encourage the FCC to grant LightSquared the permission it seeks to test and implement its LTE network.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. Anderson Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. James Anderson