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Sheriff



OFFICE OF THE
CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

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

Re: Petition No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have written to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other Federal agencies and officials in the past to support the efforts of LightSquared to develop a comprehensive 4G network based on both satellite service and traditional terrestrial towers. I now write to support LightSquared's Petition for Declaratory Ruling with the FCC. LightSquared seeks a ruling from the FCC that it may use the bandwidth that has been assigned to it by the FCC. I urge the FCC to allow LightSquared to move forward with its plans.

I am the elected Sheriff of Clark County, Kentucky, a Central Kentucky agricultural county, in the bluegrass region. As I have written in the past, cell service is poor in large portions of the rural part of Clark County. As the senior elected public safety official in Clark County, I take public safety very seriously, and so does LightSquared. Its former SkyTerra brand of phones have been provided to Kentucky officials on a number of occasions for public safety use.

I know the FCC has a role that goes beyond public safety issues, and that it desires to increase cell and broadband coverage in rural America. I also know that we need to use all of our resources in this information based economy, including making full use of our broadcast spectrum. If we don't, we waste an opportunity to help the economy, and help first responders.

I also understand that the GPS industry has raised concerns that LightSquared's network will interfere with a small percentage of GPS units used in industry. Obviously, our nation needs a safe and effective GPS system, and no one in the law enforcement community desires to lose any of its effectiveness. However, I believe that we owe it to rural America to allow the engineers to solve any engineering problems, so that we can have the benefit of both systems. Therefore, I urge the FCC to grant LightSquared the declaration it seeks, and allow it to move forward with testing and implementing its new network.

Sincerely,



Berl Perdue
Clark County Sheriff