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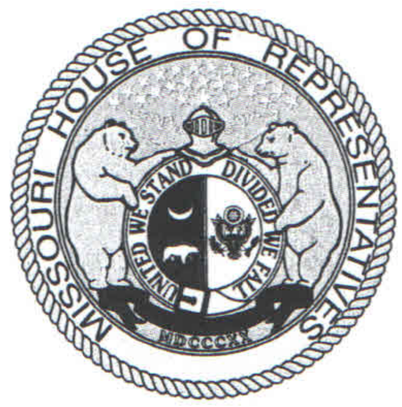

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February 6, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 11-109, LightSquared PDR

Dear Mr. Chairman:

There continues to be a digital divide in Missouri that allows some parts of the state, in particular our larger cities, faster and more reliable access to high-speed Internet. As a country, we must ensure that all communities have access to broadband networks to allow them to provide a quality education, compete for business development and create jobs.

A specific example of a company wanting to help make our country more competitive with better wireless coverage is LightSquared. LightSquared is prepared to invest $14 billion of private funds in a next-generation broadband wireless network that will benefit everyone. LightSquared's network has the ability to cover at least 260 million people in just 3 years and create thousands of jobs as it deploys and builds out its network.

I have monitored some of the news reports as it relates to interference between LightSquared's proposed network and existing technologies like GPS devices. I understand that LightSquared is asking for clarification from the FCC regarding the use of spectrum and it is my sincere hope that your Commission will provide that clarity in the near future. Our spectrum demands in this country already far outweigh our supply and that disparity is only going to worsen. The FCC must address this policy issue as it relates to spectrum rights and who is responsible for mitigating interference within the boundaries of one's licensed spectrum.

Both GPS and wireless broadband are important to Missouri, and especially to rural communities. However, there are filters on the market that can allow both technologies to peacefully co-exist.

I urge the Commission to act quickly and resolve any outstanding technical issues so that Missourians and others across the country can benefit from a new 4G wireless network. My constituents should not have to choose between GPS and a new wireless broadband network.

I appreciate your attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Todd Richardson
Missouri State Representative, District 154

cc: Senator Roy Blunt
Senator Claire McCaskill
Representative Jo Ann Emerson