

We cruise our sailboat out of Blackbeard Sailing Club, located near New Bern, North Carolina. When we're on the water, we use our GPS for two important reasons. First, it obviously helps us to navigate to our intended destination. And second, it enhances our safety by helping us stay clear of the shallow water that is so common in our area.

We believe that if GPS were to become unavailable or even less reliable, our enjoyment of North Carolina's river, sound and coastal waters would be substantially diminished. And of course, our safety would be compromised too.

We know that wireless broadband service is important to area residents. It is also important to visitors and cruisers like us and we support efforts to bring it to eastern NC. But it should not come at the expense of GPS. Studies have shown that LightSquared's proposed network would cause interference with GPS and that there are no known remedies. We rely on the FCC to protect the integrity of GPS signal and we support your recommendation to stop LightSquared's current proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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