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The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
US Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.
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Dear Mr. Strickling,

I am writing to express my support for LightSquared and its efforts to invest \$14 billion and generate at least 15,000 jobs each year during its building of a new, next generation wireless broadband network.

LightSquared has been working on its network for at least ten years, but have encountered a problem. As originally configured, the network would have interfered with some GPS devices that use LightSquared's spectrum to find their GPS signal. LightSquared has invested millions of dollars to develop new technologies that will solve this interference issue. The American people ought to have both GPS and robust wireless services, but the FCC and the GPS device makers are preventing this from happening. Just last week the FCC revoked a waiver that would allow LightSquared to turn on its network. This decision was derived from political pressure. The FCC should have looked at all the facts and the consumer needs.

If the FCC does in fact ban LightSquared over GPS interference issues, America will certainly suffer. This new network could greatly benefit the American people by enhancing our nation's wireless infrastructure while increasing competition in the wireless industry. America also faces the prospect of having our nation's wireless system overloaded by a rising demand from smart phones and tablets, LightSquared's new network will help to eliminate this overload. If LightSquared is denied, the 26 million Americans without broadband will continue to be stuck without the kind of internet access that the vast majority of Americans take for granted.

It is time for the FCC to support innovation in the wireless industry by working with LightSquared to solve the interference issues. Please support LightSquared's efforts to improve wireless technology and American lives across the nation. Thank you for your time and consideration on the urgent issue.

Sincerely,



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