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March 1, 2012

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

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239; ET Docket 10-142

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write regarding LightSquared's proposed national wireless broadband network, which would expand America's wireless broadband capacity, increase competition and choice for millions of American consumers, provide next-generation connectivity to public safety agencies and rural Americans, lower prices, and create jobs.

As a County Commissioner in Ohio in a county of more than 100,000 people along a major United States interstate, many people incorrectly assume that access to a broadband network is readily available in our county. However, they would be sorely mistaken.

The State of Ohio and Miami County, through Connect Ohio, are working to eliminate vast areas of countryside where access to broadband is not currently available. It is now incumbent upon the FCC to ensure that a private enterprise that is ready to invest \$14 billion of private money be provided a path for the delivery of wireless broadband to underserved rural communities and improves service quality in many areas.

As the Commission is aware, America faces a spectrum crunch in the coming years. Smartphones use 24 times as much bandwidth as older cell phones, and mobile data traffic is doubling every 12 months. Within two years, our wireless infrastructure will hit a breaking point unless new capacity comes on line – and soon. LightSquared represents the best hope for significant capacity expansion in the near future.

If companies such as LightSquared are denied the chance to build its network, the American people will pay more for wireless, with less competition, choice and innovation. The 26 million Americans without broadband will continue to be stuck without the kind of the Internet access that the vast majority of Americans take for granted. And over the next three years, the existing wireless networks won't be able to handle the exploding demand for wireless bandwidth.



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Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
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Respectfully,

John F. Evans
Miami County Commissioner