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

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109; ET Docket 10-142

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

In my role as County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a small, rural county, which suffers from very poor cell phone and broadband internet service, I have written letters to Federal officials describing the need for better cell phone and broadband service in rural areas. I have also written to support the position taken by LightSquared in its Petition for Declaratory Ruling, which it has filed with the FCC.

I have read that the FCC has now revoked the waiver under which LightSquared has operated, and tested its equipment in the past. This decision is devastating to rural America, and very troubling to me, because I fear that it means the residents of Powell County and other counties in Eastern Kentucky will never receive the full benefits of having good cellular and broadband wireless internet service.

This is particularly troubling to an elected public official such as myself, because the decision has every hallmark of being politically motivated, rather than being based on sound public policy and engineering. It would appear that the political influence of the GPS industry, much of which is headquartered overseas, has defeated the legitimate interests of rural America.

I understand that the FCC has a number of goals for the use of our broadcast spectrum. I know that you share my dream that rural areas of Kentucky, and our nation, have good, reliable, broadband coverage. I understand that providing this type of service requires using all of the

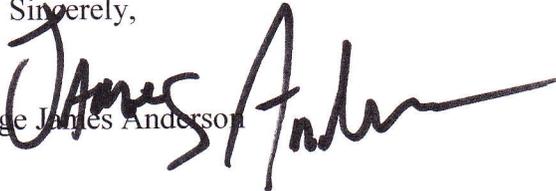
spectrum that is available. I know that you also want to encourage competition. LightSquared is a private company, and will set up its network using no government funding, and plans to market its services through small local retailers, which will both increase competition and provide jobs. LightSquared is the only company I know of that proposes to do these things.

From what I have read, LightSquared has not asked for special treatment, nor does it seek to change the rules now. It has always followed all the procedural rules concerning its applications before the FCC, and I admire that. The granting of LightSquared petition would affirm the infrastructure.

In the past, I have written in support of LightSquared's Petition. I continue that support, but also add that I would love to see the FCC work with LightSquared so that even if LightSquared does not use the spectrum currently assigned to it, that it may be allowed to use some other portion of our airwaves. We are struggling in rural America, and we need all the help we can get.

Sincerely,

Judge James Anderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CC: Senator Mitch McConnell
Senator Rand Paul
Congressman Ed Whitfield
Congressman Brett Guthrie