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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing in support of LightSquared's pursuit to launch the world's first wholesale-only wireless broadband and satellite network. As you may know from tests previously conducted, the system will provide connectivity to 100% of the country and up to 200 miles off each coast. If the project is allowed to proceed as initially envisioned, it will comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandate that it provide 4G-LTE coverage to at least 260 million Americans by 2015, at the same time generating more than 15,000 jobs each year during the infrastructure build-out. I also believe that this system will also be able to provide the much needed broadband coverage to rural America, which currently still suffers from a lack of adequate service.

As a former law enforcement executive who started my career as a street officer in Miami-Dade County, and retired 35 years later as the Director of the United States Marshals Service, I am also acutely aware of the benefits a system such as this will bring to the public safety community. It will not only provide Florida public safety personnel a uniquely reliable communications service, it will do so for public safety personnel throughout the nation. The company will enable first responders to use both 4G-LTE or satellite signals on a single handheld device the size of a Smartphone. Implementation of this system will ensure the type of response which was possible in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina, where they had an earlier version of this satellite technology which allowed Governor Haley Barbour to communicate with FEMA after the communications infrastructure on the Mississippi coast was destroyed. Notably, the satellite signal would provide reliable communications capabilities in both extreme weather conditions due to the company's licensed use of L-band spectrum

I understand there are technical issues which need to be resolved before the ground network is allowed to be fully operational. However, considering the widespread benefit this technology would have on our economy and public safety, I urge Congress to support a full, fair, and open process under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission through which all business and government stakeholders can resolve any technical issues.

I appreciate your attention to this issue and thank you for your continued public service.

Sincerely,



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