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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, our nation needs expanded access to more affordable mobile broadband services. As smart phones and tablet computers become more popular, our society is facing a serious spectrum "crunch." I know that as I travel extensively for work, I have difficulty utilizing my telecommunications tools – especially when I am in more rural parts of our country. I have recently learned about one American company, LightSquared, which is poised to help us meet our broadband needs and avoid the spectrum "crunch."

LightSquared's proposed 4G-LTE network could expand access to wireless broadband, increase competition in the marketplace and give consumer new choices and lower prices. With LightSquared, telecommunications partners that lack their own wireless network or suffer from limited geographic coverage or spectrum can market and sell their own products using the LightSquared network. This would be especially beneficial to smaller carriers, which tend to be in more rural communities.

I understand the FCC originally required LightSquared to quickly build out a nationwide ground-based network and bring more mobile broadband spectrum online for consumers and businesses. Despite the fact that there have been interference issues, the FCC should not abandon this mandate. Instead, I hope the FCC will find alternative spectrum for LightSquared that both protects GPS and enables LightSquared to deploy its network. We have to find a way forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Kevin Peterson  
Regional Director / Business Development

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