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

Re: LightSquared's Petition for Declaratory Ruling; IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my support for LightSquared's efforts to build a reliable, cost competitive broadband network that will help small businesses like mine.

Located along Lake Erie on Ohio's northern coast and only about 50 miles outside of Cleveland, Lake County moves quickly from the suburban communities of Cleveland to the rural small towns of northeastern Ohio. Like many of my customers, we understand the balance that must be made when making various decisions: we have boaters, small businesses, agricultural interests and burgeoning IT businesses. . . . probably not unlike most of middle America.

The efforts of LightSquared to use PRIVATE dollars to build a cost COMPETITIVE and RELIABLE broadband network have great appeal to me as more and more of the infrastructure of my business relies upon the ability to transfer data for orders and communicate with State Government systems. Having not only choice in my providers, benefits me in both the quality of the service I receive and the price I pay. Naturally, both are appealing!

I am disturbed that only a couple of years after being granted rights to certain range of spectrum, LightSquared is being told that because others have knowingly and intentionally "squatted" in their space, they may not be able to build their network. This disadvantages me and my business as a consumer, not to mention likely hurting an American business.

I respectfully request the FCC to follow up on their goals of making broadband access available to all Americans. A solution must be found to accommodate GPS and LightSquared and it is incumbent upon the FCC to find this solution quickly. At a time when the United States have spent unprecedented resources worldwide to help build the infrastructure of other companies, we must make sure that a company in our own Country, using private dollars is afforded every opportunity.

I appreciate your time and review of my thoughts.

Sincerely,



Max Sorensen, Owner and Proprietor