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

Dear Chairman Genachowski :

As Chairman of the Tennessee House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, I wanted to express my concerns about the lack of wireless broadband in our rural areas. I have written before to support the efforts by LightSquared to get approval of their national 4G-LTE network. I am fully aware of the issue with the GPS industry and your last ruling.

I write today to encourage you to find alternative solutions that protect GPS and enable LightSquared to move forward in deploying a ground-based network. LightSquared has already invested \$4 billion and is ready to continue making investments — not one dime of it from taxpayers—to build and launch a national 4G-LTE wireless broadband network that will lower prices, increase competition, improve broadband access in rural areas and help America avoid the potentially crippling effects of a looming shortage of wireless spectrum.

LightSquared's service will provide benefits to rural consumers in this way:

- Satellite coverage means that users are never outside of the network.
- LightSquared has established partnerships with rural operators to extend high-speed terrestrial network to underserved areas.
- LightSquared's unique Satellite/Terrestrial network will foster new connected applications that had not previously been possible.

More than two dozen companies have already partnered with LightSquared to offer their customers world-class wireless broadband at a fraction of the cost of upgrading their own networks and they are chomping at the bit to get the service rolled out from what I understand.

Here's the bottom line, farmers need access to the information highway to make intelligent decisions about what to plant and raise. GPS is a gadget to most small

farmers, while access to information directly affects the livelihood of most family farmers. I urge you to find an alternative spectrum that can work to everyone's satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank Niceley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Frank Niceley  
Chairman, House Agriculture Committee