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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**Tony Dugger**

State Representative
District 144

March 20, 2012

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

Re: Reply Comments, Public Notice (IB Docket 11-109)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

My name is Tony Dugger and I represent the 144th State Legislative District in the State of Missouri. My district represents several communities in southwest Missouri which includes many hills and valleys. As you can imagine, cell phone coverage is sporadic in many areas of my district and using a smart phone or tablet is oftentimes impossible in many parts. The need for high-speed, mobile broadband is great in this country, and especially great in the counties I represent.

I write today about a company I have recently become familiar with – LightSquared. LightSquared is ready to invest \$14 billion to build and launch an innovative next-generation 4G-LTE wireless broadband network that will lower wireless bills for American working families, bring new competition to the wireless industry - especially in underserved and unserved areas, improve service quality in many areas and help our country avoid the impending spectrum crunch.

I understand why GPS device manufacturers have fought LightSquared's network considering it appears that their devices are designed to pick up signals in adjacent spectrum, spectrum licensed to LightSquared. However, it is important to remember that GPS corporations, many of which are based overseas, benefit from an \$18 billion subsidy through their free use of a taxpayer-funded satellite network. Meanwhile, LightSquared, an American company, has already invested billions of dollars and is willing to help with a technical fix to the badly designed and cheaply produced GPS receivers sold to the Pentagon and millions of Americans.

If LightSquared is denied the chance to build its network, the American people will pay more for wireless, with less competition, choice and innovation. The 26 million Americans without broadband, some of whom live in my district, will continue to be stuck without the kind of the Internet access that the vast majority of Americans take for granted.

The FCC's job now is to find alternative spectrum for LightSquared so that the American people can have world-class wireless broadband and fully functioning GPS.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Dugger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Representative Tony Dugger

cc: Senator Roy Blunt
Senator Claire McCaskill
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Assistant Secretary Lawrence Strickling, NTIA