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State Representative
District 113

March 29, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 11-109 Docket, Public Notice Reply Comments

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I want to add my opinion on the matter of LightSquared and its proposed new 4G-LTE broadband network.

LightSquared wants to invest \$14 billion to launch a new network that will lower prices, improve broadband access in rural areas and help American consumers and small business owners. As you know, our country faces crippling consequences if we don't quickly address the shortage of wireless spectrum. LightSquared's network can and will make a difference.

I recognize the importance of GPS devices and certainly do not want to see interference issues jeopardize GPS functions or harm individuals who rely on GPS. However, we know the immense benefits of an expanded broadband infrastructure, especially in smaller communities. This cannot be overlooked. Business owners need access to reliable telecommunications options to remain competitive and efficient. Students need the flexibility to search the web wirelessly. My constituents in central Missouri deserve no less.

The potential investment in a new broadband network is too great to abandon at this point. I am confident that the FCC can identify alternative spectrum for LightSquared that will allow the company to deploy its network without any of the interference issues I have read about. There has to be a way forward for a peaceful co-existence between LightSquared and GPS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Bernskoetter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Bernskoetter
State Representative
District 113

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