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

Re: Reply Comments: IB Docket 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in support of LightSquared and their proposed mobile broadband network. As a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast who lived here during Hurricane Katrina, I know firsthand how critical it is that we have access to functioning telecommunications, especially when the terrestrial lines are down due to a natural disaster.

With our current technology, when the landlines are destroyed, all means of effective communication are halted. Mississippi's first responders now have access to the MSWIN system which allows for internal communication, but we need a system that will allow residents of the Coast to contact family and friends in the event of another catastrophic hurricane.

LightSquared's technology was utilized by the state in the aftermath of Katrina, and they have proven their ability to communicate when there is no other option. Now, as the FCC considers its case, I hope that you will be fervent in your efforts to come up with a solution that provides a way for LightSquared to deploy their network to the public. Access to this technology will be a game-changer for those of us who live in Coastal areas, where our very ability to communicate with each other is vulnerable to the weather. I urge you to make every effort to find an alternative spectrum solution for LightSquared.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Carolyn Crawford".

Representative Carolyn Crawford