



December 3, 2012

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

Re: Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Ohio Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (OACVB) is a trade association representing destination marketing organizations throughout Ohio. Our members put together strategic and dynamic marketing plans to attract visitors to our respective counties and cities in Ohio.

This last election cycle had as a primary theme: jobs. Ohio is no different. While we have seen an increase from the Utica Shale jobs that have come to eastern Ohio, the reality is that this is the same area of the state where technology so often lags behind.

The goals of our members' organizations and the new eastern Ohio visitors are in unison: the development of a strong and reliable wireless broadband network is a necessity! With the increased reliance upon technology, the ability to attract visitors is dependent on information available in the palm of your hand . . . if you can access it. Unfortunately, in eastern Ohio, particularly southeastern Ohio, a reliable network is not always readily available.

Like so many others, we have followed many stories on potential network opportunities. In fact, we had previously written in support of LightSquared's earlier attempts. We write in support again, however, this time in regards to the modified application that has been submitted by LightSquared. It seems abundantly clear that LightSquared has put forth a reasonable and workable solution to original concerns by giving up even more of the spectrum it had a right to in exchange for less as part of a sharing agreement with the federal government.

While our members' efforts increasingly rely upon internet marketing and 24/7 access to information about their areas, it is not readily or equally available throughout the State. The Commission's prompt and thorough review of the LightSquared application is not only appreciated but much needed.

On behalf of our members throughout the State of Ohio, thank you for your time and consideration to bring about a level playing field.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stamper, President

cc:  
Sen. Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senate  
Sen. Rob Portman, U.S. Senate  
Speaker John Boehner, U.S. House of Representatives  
Rep. Bob Latta, U.S. House of Representatives  
Rep. Steve Stivers, U.S. House of Representatives